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ZICO . . . as Udinese fans hope to see him. Here he celebrates a goal for Brazil against Argentina in the World Cup.

Zico transfer shock

DESPITE the economic recession, the world game has still produced three sensational transfers featuring Zico, Johan Cruyff and Charlie Nicholas.

The young Scot Nicholas has moved from Glasgow Celtic to Arsenal for a fee which will probably be settled at around £750,000. He had reached the end of his contract so Celtic couldn't hold him against his will.

Finally Arsenal outlasted the rivalry of Manchester United and Liverpool.

As for Cruyff, no club-to-club fee is involved in his move. But his switch from Ajax Amsterdam — with whom he will always be synonymous — to arch-rivals Feyenoord is hard to envisage.

It would have been similarly stunning if Nicholas had joined Glasgow Rangers!

Cruyff, for all his crowd-pulling magnetism, had apparently reached the end of the suspicious impatience of Ajax directors fearful that he was taking over the club.

But even more sensational than the Cruyff move has been the signing of Brazilian star Zico by unfashionable club, Udinese.

Zico, now 30, may well have left his move to Europe too late. And he may also have chosen the wrong club. At Udinese he will be expected to supply all the inspiration and all the goals. At least at Inter, Juventus or Roma there would have been other stars to ease the burden.

Instead Zico joins only the second club of his senior career (Flamengo of Rio, current Brazilian champions were his only previous club) prophesying that they will win the Italian league.

An empty forecast. But then Zico, along with Maradona the greatest talent in the world game, rates his own ability highly. These were the terms he demanded of Udinese:

- *£7,000 a month;*
- *£200,000 signing-on fee;*
- *£175,000 guarantee after one month;*
- *£130,000 after two months;*
- *£750,000 annual contract after the first year.*

That adds up to a cool £590,000 for the first year, which is £11,346 a week.

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DIEGO MARADONA collected his first major prize since joining Barcelona a year ago, when he inspired a last-ditch 2-1 victory over Real Madrid in the Spanish Cup Final.

England fixture fiasco

ENGLAND have hit fixture confusion because of their European championship prospects. Originally the FA negotiated an agreement with the Football League to keep clear of First Division games the Saturday before the November meeting with Hungary.

Now the Hungarian challenge has collapsed the FA would like to switch dates – allowing League fixtures on the November date, but clearing Saturday, September 17, the weekend before the vital Wembley tie with Denmark.

First Division opening weekend fixtures – August 27: *Arsenal-Luton, A. Villa-West Brom, Everton-Stoke, Ipswich-Tottenham, Leicester-Notts Co, Man. Utd-QPR, Nottm Forest-Southampton, Sunderland-Norwich, Watford-Coventry, West Ham-Birmingham, Wolves-Liverpool.*

Monday, August 29 (Bank Holiday): *A. Villa-Sunderland, Everton-West Ham, Leicester-Luton, Man. Utd-Nottm Forest, Norwich-Liverpool, Notts Co-Birmingham, Southampton-QPR, Stoke-Wolves, Tottenham-Coventry, Watford-Ipswich, Wolves-Arsenal.*

Cover picture

COVER PICTURE . . . an international duel from the Football League with England and Watford's Luther Blissett threatening Nottingham Forest's Dutch goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen.

Blissett's season lasted way into June, for he was a member of the much-weakened England squad who toured Australia, with disappointing results.

Against a resolute and enthusiastic Aussie side, under the temporary management of Yugoslav-born Frank Arok, England managed two draws and a single 1-0 victory.

The lesson manager Bobby Robson learned was that unless he can secure full club co-operation, then there is a limit to the value of such team-building exercises. Newcomers such as Nigel Spink, Mark Barham and co are not going to learn a great deal about the 'real' England while they have only a virtual B team in which to start.

Scotland were more successful on tour. They beat Canada three times over — 2-0, then 3-0 and finally 2-0 again — results which will give Jock Stein more delight than England gained abroad.

When the pressure and length of the domestic season has reached present proportions, surely there is more to be gained from resting players during the summer than flying them around the world with national pride resting on tired backs?

In this month's issue: Club focus on Olympiakos

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BRAZIL CAN ENTERTAIN ... AND WIN

BRAZIL have succeeded in the World Youth Cup where they failed at senior level in Spain a year ago.

Their victory over Argentina thanks to a Geovani Silva penalty in front of a staggering 110,000 crowd in Mexico City's Aztec Stadium proved that Brazil have what it takes to entertain — and win.

The meeting between Brazil and Argentina in the qualifying South American youth championships had ended ten minutes from time with players, spectators, officials, police and soldiers involved in a free-for-all on the pitch.

On neutral territory both sets of players behaved themselves. But in the end the outcome was the same; it's now more than ten years since Argentina beat Brazil at soccer.

Perversely Brazil didn't look as good against Argentina as they had earlier in the tournament. But they showed enough of their magic in the searing heat, and at altitude, to deserve victory from a game which ended in controversy.

French referee Alain Biguet was the central figure for rejecting Argentine penalty claims after striker Jorge Gabrich appeared to be pushed by the Brazilian goalkeeper in the 89th minute.

After the final whistle the Argentine players allowed themselves to be provoked by press photographers and a minor dust-up ended only when Argentina were escorted from the pitch — to a chorus of jeers from spectators.

It took Brazil only five minutes to begin to put their game together, Marcio Santos breaking through, to be foiled only by the diving Luis Islas, one of the most promising young goalkeepers around.

Mauricio Vilella on the one flank and Jorge Campos on the other gave the Brazilians more width and variety. Argentina, playing their traditionally stealthy, short-passing game, were generally tied down because their attacks had to be channelled through the centre, where the Brazilian defence was suffocatingly effective.

At the other end Argentina's defence also had their own method of keeping Brazil at bay. Mostly it involved committing a foul before anyone penetrated Islas's penalty area. But that, against any Brazilian team, is a policy fraught with risks. And Argentina took that chance once too often in the 39th minute. Paulinho (Paulo Ferreira) slipped through their defences and was brought down by Jorge Borelli.

This time the Argentines had let him go too far. French referee Alain Biguet awarded a penalty and Geovani Silva snapped home the kick which ultimately made him the overall tournament's six-goal top scorer.

Silva was also voted the tournament's outstanding player. But for that he was pressed by Argentina's much-envied, much-vaunted Roberto Zarate. And Zarate it was who inspired the resistance.

Silva for Brazil and Gustavo Dezotti for Argentina had their close shaves in the second half. But Argentina badly missed injured winger Oscar Acosta. In the last minute they claimed that penalty but all in all Brazilian proved best.

While the game ended in bitter disappointment for the Argentines, it also ended in a minor incident in which their cheerleaders were burned with helium gas balloons exploding as they were being released into the air.

It was a timely reminder that while the World Youth Cup had been a prime success in terms of local interest and crowd support — witness the 110,000 at the final — not all the organisation was as smooth as FIFA might have wished. Take the opening game between hosts Mexico and Australia. The match had to be delayed for almost an hour after the Aussies became stuck in a traffic jam on the approaches to the stadium.

True, a protest march by teachers didn't help traffic flow and the Aussies had left their hotel for the Aztec Stadium more than two hours before kick-off. In the circumstances the young Socceroos did well to obtain a 1-1 draw, even allowing for the fact that Mexico were hardly the pick of the tournament. Their true status was revealed at the end of the round when they were left bottom of the group, beaten by South Korea and — finally — by Scotland.

Steve Clark scored the decisive goal after a corner, shooting home from close range. But the margin could have been greater. Tottenham's Alastair Dick, brought in for Aberdeen's jaded Eric Black, went round the goalkeeper in the 40th minute but saw his weak shot blocked by a desperate defender.

Clark's goal came four minutes later and from that point on the Scots, who needed only a draw to qualify for the quarter finals anyway, were safe. Their discipline never flagged — David Bowman and Paul McStay kept a tight rein on Marcelino Bernal and Paulo Moreno in midfield and the Scots duly went through — along with surprise team South Korea.

The Koreans entered the finals only thanks to an international suspension on North Korea. But they certainly didn't waste the chance, proving one of the most entertaining of finalists, finishing fourth overall and collecting the Fair Play trophy as consolation for a narrow semi-final defeat at the hands of Brazil.

South Korea qualified for the quarter finals thanks to a 2-1 win over Australia. The Koreans led 2-0 at the interval through Kim Jong-Bon and Kim Jong-Boo. But Rod Brown pulled one back for Australia in the second half and whirlwind of a game went the full 90 minutes before the Aussies admitted defeat.

Group B, featuring Uruguay, Poland, the United States and the Ivory Coast, featured the tournament's statutory 'scandal' game. The Americans beat Ivory Coast 1-0 but afterwards accused the Africans of "deliberately chasing our players with the intention of harming them."

The Americans' assistant coach, Jorge Tarantini, said that six of his players were so badly hurt their chances of playing again in the finals were doubtful. The main target for Ivory Coast violence was American midfielder Hugo Perez of Tampa Bay Rowdies. It was for a joint attack on him that two Ivory Coast players were sent off — providing the US with the numerical advantage which saw them win the game with an 80th-minute goal, from George Gelnovatch.

The Ivory Coast weren't finished yet and suffered yet another expulsion, this time for a violent foul tackle on little Tabare Ramos, the Uruguayan-born 16-year-old midfielder.

Peruvian referee Cesar Pagano will never forget the game. Nor, come to that, will the American boys. Surrounded by a police guard, they had to wait on the pitch for nearly half an hour after the final whistle before the Ivory Coast delegation had calmed down enough to allow the US free passage to their changing rooms.

Maybe FIFA president Joao Havelange had fleeting second thoughts about the wisdom of expanding international competitions to the third world. He certainly had an excellent view of this affair, from the presidential box!

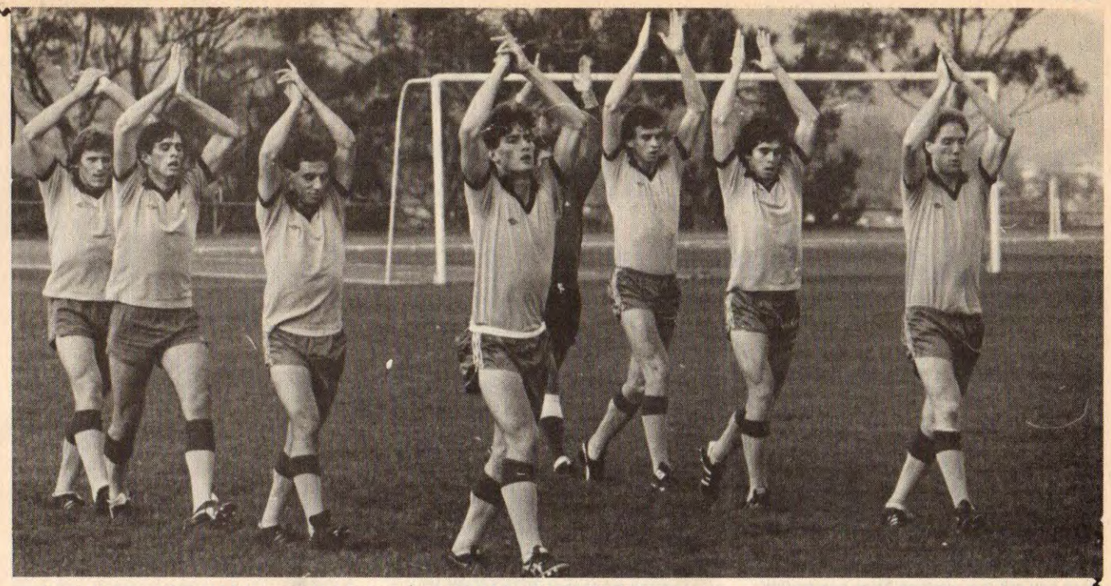
That the Ivory Coast then claimed a goalless draw from their last group game against leaders Uruguay was hardly a great victory for sanity. The Uruguayans rested six of the first-choice team in the sure knowledge that they had already made sure of a quarter-finals place.

The Argentines progressed out of Group C. Here we saw the potential of Acosta and Zarate and Islas. But there was a string of shocks for one of their European rivals, Austria. They finished up with the worst record of any of the finalists: played three, lost three, goals for none, goals against ten. The talented Toni Polster, a senior international back in Europe, was virtually anonymous. But then, maybe his mind was really back home where his club, FK Austria, were engaged in a neck-and-neck struggle with Rapid Vienna at the top of the first division.

Back in Vienna, FK Austria's directors were gripped by twisted emotions. On the one hand they wanted their national youth team to make a good showing; on the other hand it would suit the club if the lads in Mexico were quickly thrashed so that they could get back to club duties all the sooner.

In the end it was Czechoslovakia who went through to the quarter-finals behind Argentina. And that meant that in the first stage of the knock-out section Argentina took part in a 'repeat' of their 1978 World Cup Final . . . against Holland.

The Dutch pulled out of the 1981 finals in Australia because of financial problems. But they had few problems this time. Indeed, in Marco Van Basten of Ajax they had one of the finest attacking players on view. The hot, dry conditions had taken a lot of adjusting to. But Holland drew 1-1 with Brazil and beat the Soviet Union 3-2 before being held by Nigeria.



Australia's youth squad warming up before the start of the finals. Their first problems came when they turned up late for the opening match!

The Soviets were a disappointment. They lost all their three games to finish bottom of Group D. Only in their 2-1 defeat by Brazil — tipped as a 'premature' final before the tournament began — did they show anything like the skill and resource expected. Brazil went ahead luckily before half-time thanks to an own goal by Mikhail Agpov. But the Soviets hit back in the second half and several times were close to an equaliser. .

Only in the 82nd minute was their fire dampened, when Silva shot home from ten yards after a swift inter-passing move with Vilella. Midfielder Genedy Litovchenko scored a Soviet consolation in the dying seconds. But by then it was too late. Brazil not only had vital points in the bag, but their confidence was expanding too.

The opening quarter-final featured Scotland against Poland in Mexico City. Scots' manager Andy Roxburgh said: "Our boys are finally acclimatised and coming down to Mexico City from Toluca has made all the difference."

Instead it was the Poles who scored the only goal of the game. But while it was predictable that Brazil should beat Czechoslovakia and that Argentina should defeat Holland, in a rugged affair, what was totally unexpected was the shock dished out to Uruguay by South Korea.

The Koreans, despite their first round victories over Mexico and Australia, were clear outsiders. Their inexperienced defence looked vulnerable considering the skilled potential available to the Uruguayan attack in Ruben Sosa, Carlos Aguilera and Jose Salazar. But what the world — and Uruguay in particular — hadn't reckoned with was the sheer ability of the Korean forwards.

Li Huayun was perhaps the best winger on view in Mexico. Very fast, technically outstanding and a most accurate user of the ball, he tormented the Uruguayans. But it took the equally promising Shin Yon-Ho to put the finishing touches to his work.

Yon-Ho, a student at the University of Korea, proved remarkably resilient to the physical pressures of a roving midfield role in these demanding matches. He had scored the last-minute first-round winning goal against Mexico and now he repeated the trick.

In fact he claimed both the goals by which the South Koreans beat Uruguay 2-1 and moved forward into the semi-finals. Here, at last, they ran out of steam. But even in defeat they made it tough for Brazil, now virtually as popular with the crowds as the Mexican team themselves. The semi-final was played in Monterrey and still the Koreans had a surprise up their sleeve, taking the lead in only the 15th minute, through Jong Boo. Gilmar equalised nine minutes later and the score remained at 1-1 — while both goals had lucky escapes — until four minutes from time. Then Paulinho found a gap in the Korean defences and Marinho scored the decisive goal.

There was only one goal between the other semi-finalists, too, in the Aztec Stadium. Argentina and Poland had played out a memorable World Cup game in the 1978 tournament, in Rosario. Then, after a few early scares, Argentina had run out the winners. And so history repeated itself — the only goal of the game falling to Zarate in the 59th minute.

The final was thus to be a repeat of the bad-tempered, riotous, South American showdown earlier this year.

Before those old rivals could come to grips yet again, it was the turn of Poland to beat South Korea 2-1 after extra time — and with a large helping of good fortune — in the third-place match in Guadalajara.

The first half was almost all Korean though they could manage only one goal, in the 37th minute, when Lee Kee-Keun nipped in to beat goalkeeper Wandzik after Kim Jong Boo had eluded two tackles and rocketed in a cross from the left . . . they could have gone 2-0 ahead, but in the 66th minute Kee-Keun smashed a shot against the bar with the goalkeeper well beaten.

And then came the Polish fightback.

Using the pace and direct skills of newly-introduced Wieslaw Krauze in midfield, Poland began to take over the running of the game. Their reward arrived in the 78th minute. Marek Lesniak punctured the Korean defence with his through pass and there was Krauze to run the ball on and into the net.

Now the Poles' superior fitness began to tell. Shaken by that late equaliser, the tired Koreans never again looked the team who had beaten Uruguay and threatened Brazil. Instead they began to make silly mistakes; as their concentration went so their direct ability to make progress was reduced.

With the score still 1-1 after 90 minutes the game went into extra time. Poland, now clearly so much stronger, ran the game. But it was thanks only to Adrian Szczepanski, volleying home a Krauze cross in the 104th munute, that they came through.

Brazil then duly beat Argentina and suddenly the show was all over. The prizes had been dished out and all that was left was speculation . . . which of all these players will make it through the minefields of stardom to the World Cup proper?

Various candidates arose. The Brazilians Silva and 19-year-old Bebeto of Flamengo, who may prove Zico's replacement, are obvious choices. Silva was player of the tournament and six-goal top scorer and Bebeto, who cost Flamengo £75,000 six months ago from a minor provincial side, scored a superb goal in the quarter final thrashing of Czechoslovakia.

Argentina's Gabrich and Zarate and goalkeeper Islas all have bright futures to beckon them, as does the Dutch forward

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CLUB FOCUS . . . . on Olympiakos Piraeus

from Keir Radnedge

Success in the corridors of power helps to retain titles

EVERY Greek has an automatic response when you ask any question more penetrating than about his health.

"First you must understand," one is told, "that everything in Greece . . ."

". . . is political," you reply, giving the magical indication that you have some vague insight into the complexities of life in this country where Europe burns its way off into the Mediterranean.

Certainly it was to a very political family that Olympiakos of Piraeus, champions of Greece, owed their beginnings. And its's been partly due to their continued understanding of life in the corridors of power that they have won the league crown every season since the introduction of full-time professionalism in 1979.

While much of Greek sport — and thus Greek football — remains in the unpredictable hands of amateur officials, Olympiakos have matched the movement into full-time professionalism on the field and off it.

They have moved with the times in a way which would surely be much appreciated by the five Andrianopoulos brothers who launched Olympiakos in the 1920s.

The brothers made up the entire five-man forward line of the club. Later they all went on to high-flying careers in national and local politics. But their impetus served Olympiakos well and established the club as Greek football's most important in the pre-war years.

Indeed, one of the Andrianopoulos brothers was still playing — at outside left — when Greece lost 4-0 to Italy in a friendly in Milan in March, 1934.

Being based in Piraeus was one advantage. Panathinaikos, their greatest rivals to this day, had been founded up in Athens in 1908. But the influx of foreign, and particularly British, sailors in the port was the key to the arrival of football in Greece.

The "real" foundations of Olympiakos aren't clear. One source lays the basis of the club as 1914; the club themselves refer to their origins in the Union of Piraeus club, founded in 1920.

Either way, they officially took their present identity — complete with the name Olympiakos and the singular symbol of an athlete's head adorned with the triumphant laurel crown — on May 26, 1925. Just in time. Football was developing fast. The Greek federation was formed on November 14, 1926, joined FIFA a year later and launched the first league championship in 1927-8.

In 1929 a national team programme was put under way. Greece had played one game previously, losing 9-0 against Sweden in Antwerp in the 1920 Olympic Games. But now the game was on a firmer footing and Greece played a string of internationals through the 1930s, mainly against their Balkan neighbours — Bulgaria, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

That game against Italy in Milan was the furthest they travelled with a team based around the Olympiakos side who were in the midst of winning the championship six times in the nine years before the second world war intervened in mid-1940.

Their domination resumed with the return of peace, though Greek football has never been peaceful in itself. Olympiakos regained the league crown in 1947, 1948 and 1951 and then strung together six successive titles from 1954 until 1959.

Ironically it was only after this last victory that the Greeks were economically and politically ready to take part in the European Champions' Cup for the first time. They had, in fact, entered the previous year only to withdraw almost immediately on being drawn against Besiktas of Turkey. Now they fared little better: drawn against Milan!

Despite the promptings of their star inside forward, Georges Sideris, Olympiakos were held 2-2 at home and in Milan a hat-trick by Giancarlo Danova left them defeated 3-1 and 5-3 on aggregate.

Olympiakos have rarely been out of the frame in the championship and they have collected the cup often enough as well. Indeed their proud boast of 24 league championships and 17 cups adds up to a record in both competitions. They also, hardly surprisingly, hold the record for league-and-cup doubles — having swept the board on no fewer than nine occasions, the most recent in 1980.

The club is more than just a football machine. It runs sections for amateur sports enthusiasts in almost every discipline and 5,000 men, women and young people from Piraeus and Athens take advantage of the facilities available.

But they are amateurs, of course. When it comes to professional sport there is only football — with 1,000 members all very proud of their role in the club's affairs. Their importance to the club and decisive role will be illustrated further on.

Olympiakos play in the 42,000-seater Karaiskaki stadium just up the road from Piraeus in Neo Faliro. For many years it was the national stadium but now that Athens boasts the graceful new Olympic Stadium (administered by the national Olympic Committee, nothing to do with Olympiakos), Karaiskaki has slipped out of the limelight.

At least, as far as international sporting events are concerned. When it comes to domestic football, Olympiakos remain the focal point of the league, their reputation and tradition of consistency re-established in the late 1970s.

The man who must take the credit is Todor Veselinovic, now back in his native Yugoslavia as nation team boss. Veselinovic was not content, while at Olympiakos, to work in blinkered fashion with the first-team squad only. He concerned himself also with the younger prospects and his excellent eye for a player with potential — perhaps even to fill a different position than his usual one — laid the foundations for Olympiakos' recent domination.

Ironically, Veselinovic didn't stay long enough to enjoy that success. The closest Olympiakos came to the league crown during his stay was in 1979. Then it wasn't until April that, inspired by the Uruguayan Rafael Perrone, they went to the top of the table after a 2-0 win over Aris Salonika.

They couldn't quite hang on. On the last day of the season defending champions AEK Athens thrashed Ioannina 7-2, while Olympiakos were held 3-3 away by OFI Hereklion in Crete. Indeed, Olympiakos has been losing 3-1 with 20 minutes to go, yet they left the pitch feeling cheated because of two penalty appeals which fell on deaf ears.

Victory would have kept Olympiakos a point ahead of AEK. As it was the rival clubs had finished level on points and though AEK had a far better goal difference (91-30 compared with 63-27) the federation ordered a play-off.

Olympiakos, still bitter about a string of refereeing decisions which had gone against them, put the play-off proposal to an extraordinary general meeting. And the members voted 590-15 to boycott the play-off.

OLYMPIAKOS' first-team squad.

AEK took the championship by default, and Veselinovic would never again come so close to the title.

That summer of 1979 saw another big talking point: the introduction of full-time professionalism. In fact, many players still retain business and retail interests or local government positions which devalue that "professionalism". But at least it is now easier for clubs to keep their star players at home.

Olympiakos kept star forward Mike Galakos in 1979 becayse they were able to rival an offer from West Germany's Nürnberg. They were also able to go abroad themselves and sign the Swedish forward, Thomas Ahlstroem.

Not that everything went so happily. In the UEFA Cup a row over a disallowed goal and trouble among the fans soured Olympiakos' exit against Napoli; on the domestic front there was more crowd trouble as fans set fire to the stadium offices in a row over big-match tickets. Inconsistent results led to Veselinovic stepping down in the spring, and Olympiakos were banned from the Karaiskaki for two games after their supporters ran riot following an away game against Apollon, causing £30,000-worth of damage.

In the circumstances, the successes which followed were all the more remarkable. After a much-publicised attempt to lure Brian Clough away from European champions Nottingham Forest, Olympiakos settled on Poland's former national boss Kazimierz Gorski. Under his calming influence they pulled back up the table and — so ironically! — won the championship for the first time in five years thanks to a 2-0 victory over Aris Salonika . . . in a play-off.

Goals in neutral Volos by Kousoulakis a minute into the second half and by Ahlstroem on the hour were enough.

Kousoulakis hasn't always been the hero. In September 1980 he was sent off for attacking a referee. But despite his subsequent suspension, the expulsion of new goalkeeper Nikos Sarganis in a 0-0 draw against Panathinaikos, and the tragic Karaiskaki stadium disaster, Olympiakos still ended the season with both league and cup.

The Karaiskaki disaster is still the subject of legal proceedings today: 21 fans died, crushed to death as they tried to escape fans fighting as a result of Olympiakos' 6-0 thrashing of AEK. Galakos scored a hat-trick, but there could be no celebration. Indeed, the Olympiakos players all gave their £1,000 win bonuses to the disaster fund.

Gorski, despite the emotional anguish of the incident, managed to keep his players' minds on their job. They won the league (outright!) and landed the cup thanks to a 3-1 win in the final over PAOK . . . whose coach, Helmut Senelowitsch immediately switched to Olympiakos to succeed the homeward- bound Gorski.

Looking back over the story of these years it's amazing, considering all the friction and match tickets. Inconsistent results led to keep winning both matches and titles. The 1981-82 season is another example which apparently defies logic — for this was the term in which Olympiakos launched their legal attack on the eligibility of Panathinaikos' Greco/Argentine forward Juan Rocha Boublis.

It was the term, too, in which the team demonstrated that player power had arrived in the Greek game. It had been obvious for weeks that the players and Senekowitsch, Austria's 1978 World Cup boss, didn't get on. But never was it as obvious as the day when PAOK came to the Karaiskaki and won 3-0. An unheard-of result. But one which was always bound to ensure that Senekowitsch was immediately replaced!

Altekas Panagulias, long-time manager of the Greek national team (and now guiding the fledging Team America), was the man who stepped into the hot seat . . . and surely there's never been a more pressured manager in the Greek game than on the day on June when Olympiakos and Panathinaikos — arch rivals even without their legal battle — met in yet another league championship play-off.

For the third time in four seasons two teams had finished level on points at the top. But by now Olympiakos had more experience of the tension of the play-off. They had won the 1980 title at Volos and they accomplished the repeat there more comfortably than the 2-1 scoreline suggests. Uruguayan Vicente Estavilio put Olympiakos one-up in the seventh minute, and Nikos Anastopoulos made it 2-0 in the 69th. Ziakos pulled a goal back for Panathinaikos with seven minutes remaining, but Olympiakos were home and dry.

The match was, however, one more marred by the fiery nature of the Greek football supporter. There was fighting on the terraces and six arrests — more than ample justification for the national Olympic Committee doing their level best to keep football away from their brand-new stadium to the north-east of Athens.

Not until Olympaikos played Oesters Vaxjo of Sweden in the Champions' Cup early last season did the Olympic Committee relent. They were rewarded with a docile capacity crowd of 75,000, and again for Olympiakos' next tie, against Hamburg. England, of course, weren't allowed to play there and all pleas to allow the big league games into the stadium have been rejected.

Hardly surprisingly, when you consider all the trouble there's been. Olympiakos specialise in some spectacular games — just like the 1-1 away draw against AEK last November. Mavros of AEK and Anastopoulos of Olympiakos both missed penalties, while AEK owed their place on the scoresheet to an own goal from Olympiakos keeper Sarganis!

Olympiakos went on to win the league. Yet it's almost become a tradition that they need two managers a year to do it. This time it was Panagulias who left, in January, to accept the dollar lure offered by the prospect of coaching Team America in the North American Soccer League.

Back came Gorski to pick up the pieces. But by now Olympiakos were so used to cruising, undisturbed over the usual, boring crises, that the team was functioning virtually on auto-pilot. They eased clear at the top thanks to a 1-0 win over Panathinaikos (despite having new Norwegian, Roger Albertson, sent off) and even a shock home defeat by second-placed Larisa couldn't harm them then.

Olympiakos, therefore, will be back in the Champions' Cup next season, for the fourth successive season, hoping to end — at last — the embarrassing admission that they've

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never been past the second round in Europe.

General, manager Mike Fotiou explains it this way: "we have never done well in major competition — either at club or national team level — because of our lack of experience. Greek teams have always been eliminated early in tournaments and have never had the chance it gain the experience the players need to overcome their sense of inferiority against famous opponents.

"our players have the ability. Against Hamburg last season we lost only 1-0 in West Germany in the first leg — yet we missed three open goals before they scored! In the return leg Magath scored an exact replica of the goal which beat Juventus in the final. Yet before then our player Lemonis was clear with only the goalkeeper to beat . . . and stopped, because he expected to be whistled offside, when he wasn't."

Olympiakos' most successful campaign in Europe was in 1974-75, in the Champions' Cup. A goal from veteran Uruguayan Milton Viera earned the Greeks a surprise draw at Parkhead and then, with Peter Persidis the strong man in both defence and midfield, they won 2-0 in Piraeus. Kritikopoulos and Stavropoulos were the scorers.

The second round draw paired Olympiakos with Belgian club Anderlecht. Over confidence set in — to fatal effect. Anderlecht had only just squeezed past Slovan Bratislava in the first round but against Olympiakos they were transformed. Rob Rensenbrink scored a hat-trick — two goals coming from the penalty spot — in the Greeks' 5-1 defeat. For Olympiakos Persidis — one of four players shown the yellow card — scored from another penalty after goalkeeper Jan Ruiter rugby-tackled Kritikopoulos.

The return took place in Patras on the Peloponnese, because previous crowd trouble had forced UEFA into placing a ban on the Karaiskaki. Only 12,000 fans turned up, believing the result a foregone conclusion. But that was not an opinion shared by the Olympiakos players.

They struck quickly. Galakos rattled in a hat-trick and desperately close offside decisions denied them the opportunity of three more goals. Not surprisingly Olympiakos laid full blame for their elimination on Hungarian referee Karoly Palotai who, apart from the offside controversies, also sent off Stavropoulos.

Olympiakos really lost it in the first leg, of course, their over confidence a product of their inexperience and a tendency to believe their own publicity.

That's a major problem in the Greek game. Very few countries can match Greece for the propensity of their sporting press. Three daily sports papers in Athens plus a couple of weeklies, monthlies and quarterlies add to the lively confusion in the game.

As Fotiou says: "A young player scores a couple of goals and suddenly he's big headlines. He begins to believe that he is important, that he can do as he liked, demand high wages, turn up at training when he feels like it. It's understandable but it's self-destructive. With so many sports papers trying to fill all that space every day there is too much encouragement to the players to overestimate their importance.

"I understand that Olympiakos are a big club here and make news. But too iften trivia is blown up out of all proportion."

The papers themselves claim that by keeping the names of the clubs and players in front of the public they maintain interest in the game. This probably matters less to Olympiakos than to the others, they are traditionally the most popular club in Greece and the best supported. Since the arrival of professional football they have always boasted the best average home crowd: 24,293 in 1978-79, then 24,032 in 1979-80, up to 26,001 in 1980-81 and down noticeably to 21,804 in 1981-82.

The ups and downs of Olympiakos' figure reflect the attendance trends in Greek football generally, though Olympiakos' superiority over most of the rest is clear from the fact that the average first division attendance in Greece is around 8,000.

And that's a matter of some financial concern to the big clubs. Under Greek law the home team must pay 30 per cent of its league match gate receipts to the visitors. Olympiakos resent this, not surprisingly. While they must pay 30 per cent of receipts from an average attendance more than double that of most other clubs, they receive far less from their own away trips because of the low level of provincial crowds.

The rights and wrongs of this issue were exposed recently in England by the Chester Report. But there is little chance of the big clubs forcing a change in financial arrangements. And for a big club such as Olympiakos, with ambition and high costs, that is worrying.

Last season they became the first Greek club to undertake a shirt-adverts deal with Fiat worth £40,000 a year. But while ticket prices also remain government-controlled they must continue to rely for survival not on their match-market value, but on the generosity of president Stavros Daifas.

A ship-owner, vice-president of the Greek ship-owners' association and a long-time member of the club, Daifas bought control on the introduction of full-time professionalism four years ago. Now it's estimated that Olympiakos are not far short of £500,000 in his debt! That might not be such a cause for concern if shipping were still the lucrative business it once was. Bit world sea trade is in the grips of a financial crisis which could last another four or five years. No-one quite knows, not even Greek banking experts with whom I spoke.

Greek football is heavily dependent on the financial generosity of a group of shipping magnates. If their business should collapse, what will happen to the clubs? What will happen to Greek football?

These unanswerable questions demonstrate exactly why it's vital for the Greeks to improve at international level. The achievement in reaching the 1980 European championship finals was a good sign. The recent goalless draw against England at Wembley, and shock 3-2 win away to Hungary are also important.

Not because Greece will qualify for France next year. They won't. But such results raise the general level of confidence, encourage the players to believe (rationally) in their own ability and generate an increase in "real" income for the domestic game.

That is vital when you consider the money expended in players pay and bonuses. The Norwegian, Roger Albertson, is Olympiakos' top-paid star, on £1,000-a-month basic, though most players earn around half that. Olympiakos are generous with their bonuses, however, A victory over Panathinaikos in an early round of the cup this past season was worth £1,600 a man. For winning

OLYMPIAKOS' laurel crown symbol.

the championship each player collected a £20,000 bonus plus £150 for every match in which he played. Thus a star such as top scorer Nikos Anastopoulos or goalkeeper Sarganis collected around £40,000 (including European and domestic cup bonuses). Remember that many players also have other business interests and the opportunity of national team income as well, and it's clear that life can be very good to a top star.

Such pay rates are part of the reason for the heavy influx in recent years of Yudoslav and South American players. Not only is the money good, but in terms of style they can relate better to the game in Greece than in the more demanding leagues of Spain, France, Italy or West Germany.

The money is also the reason for the large number of foreign managers in the Greek first division. Olympiakos, as we've seen, have themselves included only one Greek (Panagulias) among their last five managers. English, Yugoslav and West German coaches have been in high demand.

They are, understandably, attracted by the money on offer — though such is the volatile nature of the Greek game that few last long with any one club. And that is the more sisnister reason for the employment of foreign coaches: they can be dismissed comparatively easily.

As one Greek official put it: "A foreign manager can be paid off and he will go back to his own country. But the Greek coaches and managers don't go away. And they *know* what goes on in the game."

It's a sad fact that Greek competition has been consistently plagued by bribery and corruprion cases. Only a handful of the number rumoured are ever dealt with.

Fatiou, at Olympiakos, blames amateur administrators for many of the problems in Greek football — "meddling politically and financially in matters on which they are not expert to judge."

While he is able to maintain a tight rein on Olympiakos' administration, organising a sound transfer policy which contrasts enormously with the staggering turn-over of players at Panathinaikos, then Olympiakos will remain front-runners.

They will also stay out in front while they insist on being careful in their choice of manager. For example, Gorski is hardly Brian Glough when it comes to making headlines, but his pedigree is unimpeachable.

Born on March 2, 1931, he won one cap for Poland in 1948 — having the ill fortune of seeing his international career end virtually before it had begun because his debut happened to coincide with an 8-0 defeat by

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Antognoni always shines in America

from Sue Mott in New York

Giancarlo Antognoni of Fiorentina.

THE Trans-Atlantic Cup in not exactly Superbowl in North America. It is an excuse to attract two top foreign clubs to the US, pitch them against two North American Soccer League teams (the Cosmos always included) and pretend it's a serious competition.

It isn't, but the latest imports for the occasion were Sao Paulo of Brazil and Italy's Fiorentina to rekindle memories of their national teams' exciting tilt during World Cup 1982.

The result was the same. The Italians won, this time 5-3, in a Latin carnival of goals and brawls, highlighted by Sao Paulo's goalkeeper, Barbiroto, rugby tackling Antognoni to the ground 50 yards out of his goal. Brazilian improvisation for you.

Contrasting

But the real value of the competition was the opportunity to watch two contrasting styles in action, two players at the opposite ends of a playing career, both formidably talented and both foiled by injury in pursuit of World Cup glory last year . . . Italian midfielder Giancarlo Antognoni and Brazil's new striker, Careca.

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ANTOGNONI always shines in New York. In last year's All-Star game in New York, Europe v Rest of the World, he was voted "Man of the Match", in the Trans-Atlantic Cup he was named best player of the three-game series.

He scored two goals in the tournament, made two more and sparked speculation in the Fiorentina camp that he was out to impress his future home crowd.

At 29 Antognoni's nine-year, 72-cap international career is in serious jeopardy after the Italians' post World Cup slump.

Publicly, he said: "No, I don't think my career with the national team is over. Our emotions were so high in the World Cup it has been difficult to start playing well again so soon. My next ambition is to win the Italian championship with Fiorentina but a World Cup only comes up once or twice in a lifetime and I think I have a chance for 1986."

Privately, he resents being made a scapegoat by Italy manager Enzo Bearzot for the 0-2 loss against Sweden in May. He was pulled off at half-time in that game and told friends he would prefer to quit the international arena if this second-class treatment continued.

Antognoni has powerful motivation to reach the next World Cup finals. He missed the final against West Germany with a foot injury which required seven stitches. "It was very disappointing," he said. "I hope there will be another time."

But come 1986 the signs are that Antognoni will no longer be at home. "I want to stay in Italy for the next couple of years because right now it is the centre of soccer in the world, but after that I would like to move."

"Perhaps, to North America if the money is good."

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CARECA, a player named after a circus clown, is the latest sensation in the lion's den of Brazilian soccer.

He is the costliest player in Brazil, the country's leading goalscorer and according to his coach at Sao Paulo, Mario Travaglini, on the verge of international renown.

That fame was denied him last year when a muscle pull prevented him from wearing the No. 9 shirt for Brazil in Spain.

"He is a great striker," said Travaglini. "Fast, strong, powerful. But he has not yet reached his full potential."

Explosive

Even so, his explosive talents are already being compared with the great 1970 star, Tostao. Valencia tried to buy him last year but were deterred by an asking price of £2 million. Inter Milan are still talking but according to Careca's scheme of things he will stay in Brazil until the 1986 World Cup. After that he plans to move to Europe with a multi-million-dollar deal, Maradona-style.

"I am not jealous of Maradona," he said. "But Careca is only news in Brazil. The whole world knows Maradona."

Careca is the product of a live-in football programme at Guarani soccer club which he began at the age of 12, playing the game all day and studying at night.

His father, Olivera, played top-class football with Ponte Preta and he grew up in Sao Paulo state, a fan of Pele's Santos.

Careca of Sao Paulo.

In the Trans-Atlantic Cup he scored a quick five goals, including a hat-trick against the Cosmos, before catching a plane to Portugal for Brazil's four-game tour of Europe.

Results

JUNE 1

Seattle 0
Fiorentina 1 (Bellini 73)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,123. **Ref:** Maglio.

Seattle: Corrigan, Evans, Powell, Bridge, Dargle, Schmetzer (Wall 58), Bradford, Bain (Ward 62), Daley, Kemp, Peterson.

Fiorentina: Zaninelli, Cuccureddu (Manzo 40, DiMarzio 84), Ferroni, Sala, Pin, Miani, Bertoni, Pecci, Graziani (Monelli 31), Antognoni, Bellini.

JUNE 2

New York Cosmos 2 (Bogicevic 33, 73)
Sao Paulo 3 (Careca 24, 79, 89)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 26,641. **Ref:** Bratsis.

New York Cosmos: Birkenmeier, Eskandarian, Iarusci, Beckenbauer, Neeskens (Gee 46), Davis, Romero, Bogicevic, Cabanas (DiBernardo 70), Chinaglia, Moyers.

Sao Paulo: Peres, Getulio, Oscar, Pereyra, Marinho, Ze Mario, Renato, Humberto, Paulo Cesar, Careca, Ze Sergio.

JUNE 5

Sao Paulo 3 (Pereyra 2, Careca 23, 73).
Fiorentina 5 (Pecci 4, Monelli 28, Antognoni 30, D. Bertoni 57, A. Bertoni 85).
HT: 2-3. **Att:** 51,825. **Ref:** Socha.

Sao Paulo: Peres (Barbiroto 64), Getulio, Oscar, Pereyra, Marinho (Gualberto 64), Ze Mario, Renato, Humberto, Cesar (Marcao 64), Careca, Ze Sergio (Agnaldo 64).

Fiorentina: Paradisi (Zaninelli 46), Cuccureddu, Ferroni (Manzo 47), Sala, Pin, Miani (Vignini 45), D. Bertoni, Pecci, Monelli (A. Bertoni 59), Antognoni, Bellini.

New York Cosmos 4 (Cabanas 31, Chinaglia 55, Bogicevic 61, Romero 69).
Seattle 1 (Bridge 51).
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 51,825. **Ref:** Evans.

New York Cosmos: Brcic, Eskandarian, Iarusci, Beckenbauer, Gee, Romero, Davis, Bogicevic, Cabanas, Chinaglia, Moyers.

Seattle: Corrigan, Evans, Bridge, Powell, Dargle, Bradford, Daley, Bain (Ward 37), Schmetzer, Peterson, Kemp (Fry 64).

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New York Cosmos	3	2	0	1	10	5	4
Fiorentina	3	2	0	1	7	7	4
Seattle	3	1	0	2	5	7	2
Sao Paulo	3	1	0	2	8	11	2

From Stockholm to Port
the good, the bad and the

AFTER the outrageous charade of Stockholm, Mexico have the 1986 World Cup, and heaven help us all. By the time you read this, Kissinger and the Americans may have taken some legal initiative to reopen the affair; goodness knows the casual, almost certainly unconstitutional, and quite certainly arrogant way with which FIFA dealt with the matter left abundant room for such manoeuvres.

What perturbs me as much as anything is that Joao Havelange seems, by default, to be running FIFA in what may euphemistically be described as a wholly Presidential way. You may look in vain for signs of democracy among its flabby minions and committee men. By general consent, the decision on Mexico's candidature had been reached long before Stockholm; which was surely implicit in the derisory rejection of the American and Canadian appeals at least to inspect their facilities.

The New York newspapers have been crying foul for some time, openly hinting at dirty work at the crossroads. Even Artemio Franchi, the Florentine president of UEFA, has publicly remarked that though he thinks the right decision was probably taken, it was undoubtedly taken in the wrong way.

Brazil, of course, should have had the competition, and no doubt would have done had the country's President not been disingenuously persuaded not to give his government's backing.

There are all sorts of valid arguments against giving the competition to the United States, though those advanced within the bosom of FIFA — apart from just criticism of the inept way the US Soccer Federation approached the Olympic soccer tournament — have been manifestly contradictory and specious.

Yet Havelange is Havelange. He may or may not be a rich man. He may or may not be beholden to the Afro-Asian bloc for his initial election. But it has long been clear, for better or for worse, what kind of president he is. Why has nothing been done about him? Why has he twice been re-elected, the second time, in Madrid, unopposed? I attribute serious blame to the member countries of FIFA, not least to our own British associations who, since the going of Sir Stanley Rous, have cut such a pitifully inept and marginal figure in the counsels of the world game. All Britain has in the higher echelons of FIFA is Northern Ireland's Harry Cavan, and Mr. Cavan's performance over the Mexican affair has, to put it as politely as possible, been disappointing and anomalous in the extreme.

But Senhor Havelange is an honourable man. So are they all, honourable men.

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NILS LIEDHOLM's success in the Italian Championship with a Roma team playing zonal football is remarkable; one is almost tempted to say, astonishing. It is almost as if, down the road from the Olympic stadium, a Communist were to become Pope.

For the best, or worst, part of the last 30 years, Italian football has been dominated and imbued by *catenaccio*, man to man marking, the pervasive *libero*.

Liedholm plays some of his cards close to his chest. He won't, he says, give all the reasons why he has chosen to use the zonal scheme with Roma, these last few years. But he does say that one of the chief reasons is that he does not believe in the valid function of the *libero*, so often drawn out to the wings so that, notionally the last figure in defence, he is not there in the "hot" moments when the crosses come into the middle. In addition, says Liddas, he has taken climatic conditions into account. Physical recovery after exertion is hard in the Italian Championship, and he did not want his men "to run behind their opponents for seven months."

By a somewhat odd irony, Roma were dismissed from the UEFA Cup by another zonal team in Benfica, who beat them with ease in the first leg at the Olympic Stadium, after which all the Roma players attributed their failure to the very fact that Benfica were playing a zonal game with which they were unable to cope!

My mind goes back to a more remote occasion in the Olympic Stadium, when Roberto Bettega, now playing out time with the Toronto Blizzard, launched himself to head a fine, typical and decisive World Cup goal against England in 1976.

Afterwards, on a television programme, Bettega said to me that zonal defence produced ambiguities; there were moments when two defenders were not sure which of them should go for a given ball, and out of such moments (his own header clearly being one of them) goals could be scored.

That day, with Bowles, Channon and Keegan close-marked out of the game, I must say man to man marking looked practically unbeatable. The England team hardly got in a shot all afternoon, and even now Trevor Francis, who had such a magnificent season (albeit a truncated one) with Sampdoria, will tell you how difficult it is for a British forward to adjust to the sudden (international match) shock of man to man marking, with a *libero* to beat, besides.

Yet beaten the system can be after all, till Hamburg confronted Juventus in Athens in this year's European Cup Final, all the last half-dozen winners had been English clubs, using the zonal game. A couple of weeks earlier, a magnificent performance by the fine Aberdeen side had deservedly got the better of Real Madrid, with their sweeper system and often brutal man to man marking. Meanwhile, who have done better in the recent history of the World Cup than Brazil, whose rise to power and success coincided with their invention of four in a line zonal defence, which they have retained to this day?

The one thing the man to man game gave us, for a sadly limited spell, was what we called Total Football, based as it was on the attacking *libero* originally conceived by Franz Beckenbauer as a young Bayern Munich player.

Man to man marking and the sweeper, however, have always been a deeply alien concept to British players, even though I know that Brian Birch, a clever inside-forward with Wolves and Manchester United, a successful coach in Turkey, tries every year to initiate a seminar on the *libero* at the Football Association's Lilleshall coaching course.

Gunnar Gren, Liedholm's distinguished team-mate in the Swedish Olympic winning team of 1948, the World Cup finalists ten years later, not to mention Milan with the Grenoli trio in years between, has sounded a warning from Sweden that you can attempt the zonal game only if you have abundant time, and the knowledge that you will be allowed to live with reverses and disappointments. Not many managers can, and in a curious way, perhaps Liedholm was lucky to be with Roma: a club which had not won the Championship for over 40 years, of which at heart not very much but survival and a decent place in Serie A, the First Division, were expected.

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WHAT a disappointing, dreary performance England gave when I saw them go out to Czechoslovakia at Highbury in the semi-final of the European Youth Championship; this after losing to a Russian team whom the young Scots, beaten by England, had themselves beaten with ease.

The faulty technique of the English boys was such that they could not even put away their penalties. Indeed, as each of the two who missed from the spot approached the ball, I turned to my esteemed colleague Reg Drury, of the *News of the World*, and said: "He'll miss." He did. You did not have to be psychic to be right.

How much did this have to do with Graham Taylor's choice and tactics? Why, above all, were those two splendid young West Ham players, Dickens, in midfield, and Cottee, up front, not chosen? Because they did not fit the long ball, Watford type, pattern? I admire what Graham Taylor has done for the excellent Watford team, who ended their fine season splendidly with a heartening victory against Liverpool, but I do not think he should ever have been put in charge of an England youth team, and deeply question the odd philosophy of those who appointed him.

The leopard does not change his spots. To vary, or mix, the metaphor, Graham Taylor has solidly set out his stall, and there is no excuse at all for not knowing the

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The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

Gabrial Hornyak, captain of Czechoslovakia, is challenged by Jean-Luc Ribar of France in the European youth final at White Hart Lane.

kind of tactics he is likely to impose upon his teams.

I did not see any player in that clumsy, unimaginative boring England team, utterly outshone in skills by the young Czechs — especially up the front — to compare with the elegant, precocious Dickens, the fast, direct, ebullient Cottee.

An Italian journalist rang me up during the tournament to ask my views on his team but I was not suprised to find they were not mentioned when he published, just before the semi-finals, a string of eulogies from other quarters. I noticed, too, that Graham Taylor, who presumably saw them only once, when they drew with England in the third place game, thought them the best team in the competition.

I can say only that when *I* saw them, I suffered; though I understand they did wake up and play some decent football in the semi-final. Against the Young Turks, at Upton Park, they were frankly a disgrace, and would surely have lost the game had they not, having gone a goal down, been given a very generous penalty by the abominable Bulgarian referee: a man who previously had awarded a goal after Sampdoria's Mancini had manifestly punched a goal.

The Bulgar even had his red card out, apparently to send off a justifiably incensed Turkish player, when he saw his linesman's flag up and thought better both of it and of giving the goal. That, apart from securing and converting the penalty, was the extent of Mancini's contribution to the evening. Both there and against a feeble, under nourished looking, Romanian side, beaten at Orient, it was impossible to conceive the portly Mancini as a £1.8 million player; but that was the crazy sum Sampdoria paid for him last summer, to put him between Brady and Francis.

Still, as we know, these European youth tournaments have a relatively limited significance. England won them for years on end, largely, we were told, thanks to the greater physical maturity of their players, but it didn't seem to have any "knock on" effect upon their performance later at senior level in the World Cup and the European Championship. Perhaps we can console ourselves with that reflection.

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IT IS good to see Portsmouth, though not their hooligan fans, terrorisers of turnstile attendants, criminal daubers of Stonehenge, back in the Second Division. Fans apart, I'd be delighted to see them back in the First.

It was only a few years ago that I watched Pompey, in a pre-season friendly at Dorchester, go three goals behind and lose 3-2 to the little Southern League club, on its delightfully green and picturesque ground. Portsmouth, to do them justice, put all that behind them and went on to have a good season, but it was not long hence that this once proud and resilient club were in the shaming environs of the Fourth Division. A fearful fate for the team which had gallantly won the FA Cup in 1939, thrashing fancied Wolves 4-1 in the Final, and had twice in a row added to that the League Championship in 1949 and 1950.

I well remember those fast, progressive, excellent Pompey teams. Jimmy Scoular, the tough little Scot, and Jimmy Dickinson, the quiet, elegant English international, Portsmouth born and bred, were a quite splendid pair of wing-halves. Peter Harris of England and his fellow cap Jack Froggatt, burly and blond, were formidable raiding wingers, as we used to call them. Then Froggatt had a new lease of life as, surprisingly, a centre-half. He was good enough to play for England, and I remember him having a mutually bruising game against the famous 38-year-old veteran, Silvio Piola, when England drew with Italy 1-1 in Florence in May, 1952.

Jack Tinn, of the lucky spats, was the manager most closely associated with Portsmouth in their times of triumph, but in fact it was his former chief scout, Bob Jackson, who took the team over and won the Championship.

The club's fortunes have coincided with the arrival of John Deacon, an elderly businessman who had the simple but radical idea of buying up the shares of the club — he now has some 80 per cent — and incorporating it among his various successful property companies, thus making losses deductible, and the club capable of expenditure far beyond the dreams of the normal Third Division club; and I suspect many of those in the Second Division.

Bobby Campbell, a quieter, calmer, more relaxed figure than in his days with Arsenal and Fulham, has been a most successful manager, especially able, as his chief goal scorer, blond Alan Biley, points out, in getting good players to come to Portsmouth.

ERIC BATTY looks at the

NEW BRAZIL

BRAZIL'S return to Europe lacked all the sparkle of the 1982 World Cup showing. Not surprisingly – since Flamengo's Zico, Leandro, Junior and Marinho had been axed on the eve of the tour because of their club's refusal to release them for a training session. Brazil beat Portugal 4-0, drew 1-1 in Wales, won luckily 2-1 in Switzerland, then rounded off their trip in Sweden for the 1958 "repeat". Here ***ERIC BATTY*** *looks at the new Brazil . . .*

BRAZIL'S performance at Ninian Park must have been a big disappointment to all those who expected a football festival. But before the first ball was kicked I had already realised that we were not to see a repeat of the flowing football which sprang from the superb midfield Brazil put out in the World Cup.

In fact I learned more on the day before the game than I did from the match itself.

Before talking to manager Carlos Alberto Parreira, a Brazilian journalist gave me the insight I needed to understand their 4-0 win in Portugal. Good performance? "No. Portugal were a very poor team. Really terrible."

In training, 24 hours before the Wales match the players were out early. But all they did was play "pig in the middle". One man tries to win the ball from inside a circle of players who push the ball around first-time. It is all very skilful of course with the players able to play the ball off with any part of their body allowed by the laws, but the essential movement off the ball is lacking.

When it came to the game itself, this lack of movement stood out.

Carlos Alberto explained that there is no coaching in Brazil as we know it in Europe. "The players simply play naturally and are not organised at all, even in defence, which is now my biggest and most difficult task. The only player who moves *off the ball* by instinct is Socrates, and he is so intelligent that you do not need to coach him. Just explain what you want from him, and he will go out and do it".

Carlos Alberto appears to be a big critic of his predecessor, Tele Santana. "In the World Cup in Spain," he said, "everything was aimed at attack. The defence was not organised at all, and the players were under orders never to commit deliberate fouls in any circumstances. I have reversed that, telling the players that if a goal seems certain to be scored and they can prevent it in no other way then they must foul, preferably outside the penalty area. I do not want dirty players, but I must reverse the orders that prevailed in Spain."

A good part of the training session was devoted to organisation of the defence, particularly against corners and high crosses. Whenever a corner was cleared the entire defence was under orders to sprint out, trying to catch unwary opponents offside. And they worked at defending against the English ploy of using throw-ins to the near post where the ball is flicked on by tall defenders who move up.

One Brazilian took the near post, and two more covered the "target", the head of the big man whose job it was to flick on across goal. And both ploys were a feature of Brazil's defensive play against Wales.

Goalkeepers are clearly a problem for Brazilians. Carlos Alberto said that the only coaching done by Brazilian clubs is with their goalkeepers. Every team employs a specialist goalkeeper trainer, he said, but I cannot imagine what they work at unless it is agility (physical and gymnastic training) and facing up to shots.

In the World Cup, goalkeeping was certainly a Brazilian weakness, and bringing back Leao, a veteran of 1974 and 1978, was not much of an improvement. Certainly he was better "on the shot", but not once against Wales did he come off his line, go out amongst a ruck of players and hold a difficult high cross. So what are the other, less experienced goalkeepers like in Brazil? I shudder to think. Certainly they are probably all line-keepers, there to deal only with direct attempts on goal.

As a former goalkeeper himself I am confident that Carlos Alberto will sort out a good 'keeper for 1986, but I am equally sure that the clubs are not going to help him overmuch.

As Carlos Alberto explained about the Brazilians' long get-together before World Cups: "Before my first match against Chile I had all the players together for just one day! Clubs come first in Brazil, except in a World Cup year."

It is clear that Carlos Alberto has one of the most difficult jobs in the football world, but given time I feel sure he will organise his defence; find a good young goalkeeper — and work on him — and retain the traditional Brazilian "flair" in midfield. But will he be given the necessary time?

He told me: "I must build a new team for 1986, but at the same time the fans expect that we win every game." The two cannot always be achieved and the priority is 1986. The importance of friendlies is to "blood" promising young players and find out who can make it to the top level, and then to give them the necessary exposure to the world's best. The new Brazilian boss agrees with me completely on this, but fears he may not be given the time he needs (as he was with Kuwait).

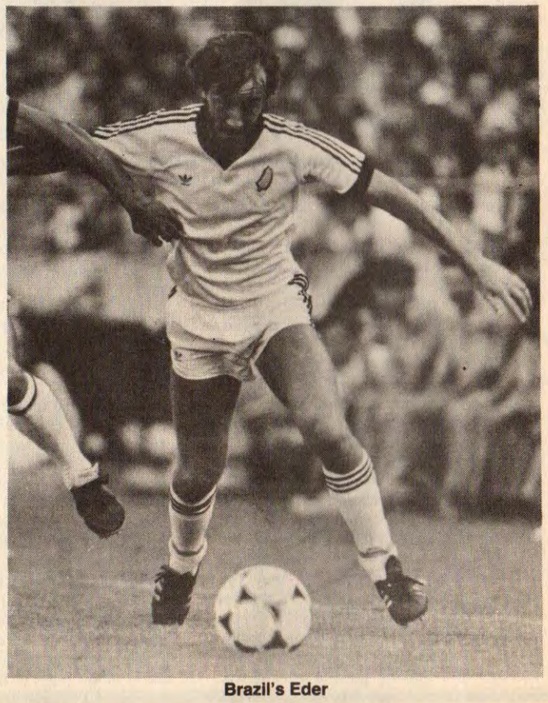
Most of the Brazilian players did not like the physical approach of the Welsh players, but on the positive side it looked as if Marcio and Pedrinho in defence, and perhaps Careca in attack, would blossom if given an extended run at top level. My assessment is that Carlos Alberto knows full well what Brazil's problems are and is working at them. And he clearly has understanding at the top for this tour avoided the best in Europe. The time to meet the European "cracks" is in 1985 when the new team has been sorted out.

Carlos Alberto showed his ability to read a game when he brought on Paulo Isidoro for the second half, for they clearly needed a real worker in midfield. By playing Socrates up with Careca and Eder he also showed that he knows where the big weakness lies, and that is undoubtedly up front, as long as he sorts out and organises the defence, which I am sure he will

But left winger Eder is a problem in my book that may well prove to be the new boss's undoing. To me, Eder is only an ornament. I was told that he must be allowed to play his own way, but that isn't good enough for the modern game. All he wants to do is show off his skills and shooting power. He plays no part in creating chances except with aimless crosses; rarely makes himself available to receive a pass by getting away from his marker, and yet is one of the idols in Brazil.

The fans regard him as a hero while I wouldn't have him in Brazil's team at any price, for on a day when he does not score then he might as well not have bothered to change, and there are too many days when he is not amongst the scorers.

But given time and experience, I have learned not to judge too harshly young Brazilians on their first trip to Europe, and some of them could surprise us all two years from now. If Brazil has more players with the potential of Falcao, Socrates and Toninho Cerezho, and they can find at least two reliable goal-getters, then I am convinced that Brazil will look very different in Mexico. They failed in Spain because they lacked a reliable 'keeper and their defence was as bad as their front line. And above all, while the rest of the world is playing the defend-and-counter-attack game, then Brazil must and will conform. THEY WILL NOT REPEAT THOSE MISTAKES UNDER CARLOS ALBERTO.



Brazil's Eder

. . . back home Flamengo take the honours

From Ricardo Weiss and Eric Weil

FOR the third time in four years (after 1980 and 1982) Flamengo duly collected the Brazilian national championship, despite changing their coach twice during the competition.

With 14 wins, seven draws and five defeats they proved that depsite all their upheavals, experience makes a lot of difference. With 57 goals they had the most effective attack and Zico was second top scorer with 17 goals.

After parting company with Paolo Cesar Carpeggiani, boss when Flamengo won the World Club cup two years ago, they briefly entrusted the team to ex-youth coach Carlinhos. It wasn't long, however, before Carlos Alberto Torres — Brazil's 1970 World Cup captain and until recently still playing with New York Cosmos — took the reins.

The week Alberto took over, Flamengo beat tough rivals Corinthians 5-1 and that start may have helped. Curiously, in their final third round group match Corinthians gained revenge with a 4-1 win in front of their own Sao Paulo fans, with two goals by captain Socrates, but it was not enough to put them into the quarter-finals (by finishing in the top two places of their four-team group) while Flamengo, playing without injured Zico, did not need the points to qualify.

Star-studded Atletico Mineiro had the best third round record, winning their first five games and drawing the last when they no longer needed the points. In the same group Rio's America, coached by Zico's brother Edu, which had done so well in previous rounds only managed to win their final game — 5-1 over Parana's Colorado which put their rivals out too in favour of another Parana club, Atletico. Confusion broke out in the Maracana stadiums changing rooms after the match when an Atletico official wanted to hand the America players 11,000 dollars as a "thank you" gift — possibly arranged before the match — and was chased out by angry American officials.

But the surprise of the third stage was the elimination of last year's losing finalists, Gremio of Porto Alegra. They needed only a draw against already eliminated Ferroviario, but went down to their first group defeat by 3-1 — obviously no "gift money" was offered here — which left three clubs on seven points, but the other two, Sao Paulo FC and Sport Recife, went into the quarter-finals by having obtained more wins.

The quarter-finals pitted together classic Rio rivals Vasco da Gama who played both legs in front of 120,000 fans in the Maracana stadium. Flamengo won the first leg 2-1 and were trailing 1-0 until the last minute of the second-leg when Zico equalised to put this team into the semi-finals. Roberto "Dinamita", Vasco's leading scorer and captain, tried to attack the referee and was sent off together with team-mate Pedrinho who attacked a Flemengo player. Scores of reporters, photographers, TV cameramen, club officials and reserves rushed onto the field and it took police 10 minutes to clear them off before the final minute was played with Vasco fielding nine men.

Sent off

In other quarter-final action, Atletico Parana surprisingly put out one of the favourites, Sao Paulo FC, 3-1 on aggregate (2-1 1-0), Santos got past Goias thanks to their better previous record after tying 3-3 on aggregate (0-0 2-2) and Atletico Mineiro beat Sport Recife 4-1 (0-0 4-1).

In the semi-finals, Flamengo beat Atletico Parana 3-0 at home with two goals from Zico (and playing in front of over 120,000 fans for the third time in two weeks) although they had defender Mozer sent off. But they had to struggle to hold on to their lead in the away leg. Atletico rocked Flamengo with two similar goals within two minutes in the first half when Washingtom converted centres from right winger Capitao against a fumbling defence. Later Parana's goalkeeper Roberto — one of the revelations of the season — kept out everything Flamengo's stars could throw at him.

Santos, who have certainly got their money's worth from Serginho whom they bought from Sao Paulo after the tall black striker had been a disappointment in the last World Cup, beat Atletico Mineiro 2-1 with Serginho scoring both their goals to take his championship tally to 21. In the second-leg Santos hung on grimly for a 0-0 draw.

Finalists Santos and Flamengo met first before 114,481 fans in the Morumbi stadium in Sao Paulo. The fans saw early domination by Flamengo but a wonderful goal after a corner by Pita and another by Serginho put Santos 2-0 in front. A header by Baltazar cut that to 2-1.

Santos' dreams of a draw in the Maracanã return were dismantled in only 40 seconds by Zico. A header by right-back Leandro in the 39th minute and another by Adilio, the man of the match, with 89 minute settled it 3-0 before 155,253 supporters.

Santos has the consolation of having the top scorer of the competition, Serginho with 22 goals.

In Sao Paulo, there was no respite for the clubs as with the national championship still not over the state championship was started. For champions Corinthians, their "democratic" experiment seemed to be over with players choosing the coach, team and tactics., Their early elimination from the national championship prompted the club to name a new coach, Jorge Viera, who immediately said: "I'm going to take the decisions." Viera, who coached Corinthians when they won the state league-title in 1979, replaced player-coach Ze María (who had been chosen by the players) by order of the management, but team captain Socrates said: "Viera will have to adapt to our system." The result remains to be seen.

BRAZIL: National Championship — Third round, final standings

(Top two of each group qualified for quarter-finals)

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Santos	6	3	2	1	7	6	8
Vasco da Gama (Rio)	6	2	3	1	7	5	7
Palmeiras (S. Paulo)	6	1	3	2	10	8	5
Nautico	6	1	2	3	7	12	4

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Atletico Mineiro (M. Gerais)	6	5	1	0	12	3	11
Atletico Paranense	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Colorado	6	2	0	4	7	12	4
America (Rio)	6	1	1	4	11	14	3

Group 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sao Paulo FC	6	3	1	2	12	9	7
Sport Recife	6	3	1	2	9	7	7
Gremio (Porto Alegre)	6	2	3	1	14	11	7
Ferroviario	6	1	1	4	7	15	3

(Sao Paulo and Sport Recife qualified on more wins)

Group 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Flamengo (Rio)	6	3	2	1	10	5	8
Goias	6	2	3	1	6	7	7
Corinthians (S. Paulo)	6	2	2	2	10	10	6
Guarani (S. Paulo)	6	0	3	3	3	7	3

COLOMBIA: Professional Championship (DIMAYOR) — First stage (Copa de la Paz)

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Caldas	12	7	2	3	15	9	16
Medellin	12	6	3	3	19	9	15
Deportivo Cali	12	5	4	3	15	11	14
Tolima	12	4	4	4	13	17	12
Santa Fe	12	5	1	6	13	16	11
Union Magdalena	12	3	3	6	16	18	9
Cucuta	12	0	6	6	7	20	6

CHINAGLIA RETURNS . . . AS PRESIDENT

by

Bob Kuzbyt

GIORGIO CHINAGLIA is coming back to Lazio, the Rome club where he made his name. Yet the New York Cosmos spearhead will not be returning as a player, but as president.

Chinaglia left Lazio in 1976, bitter and disillusioned, to make a new start in the United States where he has become the most enduring personality in the professional game — and the NASL's record goal-scorer.

But the lure of *calcio* has always remained with him. And now that Lazio have just gained promotion back to the first division so Chinaglia — with the help of ten Italo-American backers — is moving back, to the delight of the fans.

They remember that "Long John" was the centre-forward whose power put Lazio on to Europe's footballing map by leading them to their one and only league championship in 1973. That a UEFA suspension prevented them taking their place in the Champions' Cup was the only cloud on an endlessly blue horizon.

But there were problems. Chinaglia spoiled his image with a show of petulance which was beamed around the world by TV after being substituted during the 1974 World Cup finals. Lazio's veteran coach, Tommaso Maestrelli, fell ill. Lazio slipped and the fans turned on Chinaglia, their erstwhile hero.

The fact that his wife, Connie, was American encouraged him to try his luck in the United States and as his reputation grew there, so Lazio became progressively more troubled back in Italy.

When the club were relegated because of their involvement in the 1980 betting-and-bribes scandal, they had reached rock bottom. Now they are on the way back — and Chinaglia, so it appears, will be there.

The possibility of his return was first floated last December, when he was offered a £200,000 six-year contract to take over as Lazio's executive director.

Owner

While in Italy before Christmas to promote Atari video games (a product of Warner Communications who own Cosmos), Chinaglia spent a day training with Lazio, and 10,000 fans tuned out to give him an ecstatic reception.

After returning to the US Chinaglia again met Lazio vice-president Vittorio Galli, but felt then that he had at least one more season with Cosmos in him. When the chance arose, however, to become president — and virtual owner — of the club, Chinaglia had second thoughts.

By then he had already contracted to play for Cosmos this year. But such was his affection for Lazio (the bad times forgotten) that he announced his willingness to commute between Rome and New York to fulfill his commitments on both sides of the Atlantic.

They will certainly keep him busy.

Chinaglia is under contract to the Cosmos and Warners, not only as a player, but also as a good-will ambassador, like Pele, for the corporation. Compounded with his own private business investments, he reportedly earns well over £300,000 yearly. Enough that he, his wife and three children live in a 20-room Eaglewood, New Jersey, white stucco mansion on an estate with an estimated worth of over £330,000.

Connie is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and one of their children is American-born. Chinaglia became a naturalised US citizen on August 25, 1978.

In 1982 Chinaglia scored 20 goals, along with 15 assists to capture his fifth NASL scoring title. His closest competitor was Karl-Heinz Granitza of the Chicago Sting (formerly of Hertha Berlin), who had 20 goals and nine assists.

Chinaglia added four more goals and two assists in six play-off matches. He had the lone goal, in the 31st minute, of the Cosmos' 1-0 Soccer Bowl-82 win over the Seattle Sounders, giving the Cosmos their fourth NASL championship since Chinaglia joined the club. After the victory he said: "This may sound presumptuous of me, but I have a right to say this goal showed up critics who are saying that I am old and slow."

Yet, retirement did enter his mind. Chinaglia indicated he would make a decision during the Cosmos' post-season tour of the Far East. Then, he delayed the verdict until just before the team left for Freeport, Bahamas for their 1983 pre-season training camp. His potent shot may not be as strong and he may have lost a yard in pace but his intense desire for competition and perfection remained.

"He's the first to admit he's not the same player he used to be, but he's still a great technician," Cosmos head coach, and long-time Pele confidant, Julio Mazzei says. "The kind of guy who stays for 90 minutes in the penalty box, waiting for passes, or for rebounds, with someone always kicking at his ankles and someone else breathing down his neck, never giving up, never being afraid of anyone. It isn't easy. His kind are disappearing."

Not only has Chinaglia's presence been crucial to the Cosmos' phenomenal success, but also to the NASL's existence, itself. With just 12 franchises left, down from a high of 24 teams, and a number of those floundering financially, the league cannot afford to lose its No. 1 attraction — Chinaglia.

Even though he draws choruses of boos from over-zealous fans everywhere, including the Cosmos' home, Giants Stadium, he still attracts crowds, on and off the pitch. His often stated philosophy of saying and doing what he believes is right, has cost him the friendship of coaches, players and fans.

After losing 1-0 to Chicago in the 1981 NASL championship, Chinaglia threatened to quit the Cosmos if West German Hennes Weisweiler remained as the coach. It forced a showdown between pro- and anti-Weisweiler factions within the team's hierarchy. He then threatened to miss the team's annual post-season tour. Eventually he relented and before the 1982 season, Weisweiler was off to Grasshoppers Zurich.

Ten more

"My problem is I don't know how to be diplomatic," Chinaglia once said. "I can't help it. I'm an impulsive person who says what's on his mind and thinks about it afterwards."

Looking at Chinaglia's form in the early part of the NASL season it's obvious he was right not to return to Lazio too quickly. He made his best start ever, extending his career total of 600 goals by adding ten more in his first six matches.

"What a great way to start the season," he said after scoring a hat-trick against the Tulsa Roughnecks in a 3-2 win. "The thought of retirement is the farthest thing from my mind."

It's even been whispered in Italy that, while Chinaglia has intimated he wants to be a non-playing president, he won't be able to resist the challenge of a comeback.

Lazio certainly need some strengthening for the new campaign in 1983-84. And the position of coach needs to be sorted out, for they achieved promotion under caretaker Bruno Morrone, having axed the previous boss early in May when second in the table.

Chinaglia's preference is said to be the experienced Brazilian, Luis Vinicio. But whether he can be tempted into the turbulent world of football by the Tiber depends what Chinaglia can achieve in the transfer market.

He's promised two big-name imports — and the fact that the second division programme didn't end until mid-June meant promoted clubs were allowed more time than the first division sides to buy abroad.

One thing is for sure; if Chinaglia goes through with his £5 million takeover, then Bruno Giordano will stay despite the envious eyes of Milan, Inter, Juventus and Fiorentina. The striker who returned in mid-season after serving his bribes scandal suspension could be a decisive force in the first division next season.

Lazio go up thanks to having finished runners-up behind Milan. They've already got their transfer dealing well under way, having signed up the Standard Liege and Belgian right back Eric Gerets, who'll be a welcome support for sweeper Franco Baresi next term. Scotland centre-forward Joe Jordan appears to be on the way out, possibly to another Italian club.

The sign that his time is up at Milan came when Gerets revealed that Milan officials, seeking a home for the Belgian and his family, have already offered him the possible use of Jordan's villa!

Milan have been vying for some weeks with neighbours Inter to come to terms with the Anderlecht midfielder Ludo Coeck. But that chase was overshadowed by the news that Paolo Roberto Falcao had walked out on Roma — whom he inspired to the championship and who wanted to offer the Brazilian only £500,000 a year for a new contract!

Falcao either has a staggeringly high opinion of his own ability or he's determined to set so high a figure Roma have no option but to release him.

Not that this affects Lazio, although Chinaglia is thought to have been seeking reinforcements in Brazil.

The third promotion place remains undecided. Como, Cremonese and Catania all finished level on points and must play off — an extra bit of drama to add to an end-of-season programme which featured the concluding stages of the Italian cup.

Juventus, having missed out in the championship and Champions' Cup, underlined their determination to land some sort of prize when they beat Roma 5-0 on aggregate in the quarter-finals without Dino Zoff.

The 41-year-old goalkeeper has at last retired . . . unless of course Lazio want to tempt him back. After all, in Italian football — and with the Rome clubs in particular — anything is possible.

No doubt that's why Chinaglia believes he can repeat his 1970s resurrection of his old club . . . while still playing in the NASL!

GIORGIO CHINAGLIA . . . the Swansea failure whose success has made him a big name in both Italy and the United States.

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympiakos	32	19	10	3	45	18	48
Larissa	32	17	9	6	51	25	43
AEK	32	17	7	8	47	36	41
PAOK	32	17	6	9	48	26	40
Aris	32	14	11	7	31	19	39
Panathinaikos	32	13	9	10	47	39	35
OFI Crete	32	12	9	11	50	48	33
Yannina	32	9	13	10	32	30	31
Herakles	32	11	9	12	48	41	31
Doxa	32	12	7	13	42	51	31
Ethnikos	32	10	9	13	36	35	29
Apollon	32	10	9	13	36	32	29
Serres	32	9	12	12	26	35	28
Panionios	32	10	9	15	29	42	27
Makedonikos	32	10	7	15	26	49	27
Panahaiki	32	10	4	18	31	45	24
Kastoria	32	8	4	20	30	52	20
Rhodes	32	7	6	19	22	54	20

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fernerbahce	32	17	12	3	40	18	46
Trabzon	32	16	12	4	38	18	44
Galatasaray	32	16	10	6	47	31	42
Boluspor	32	15	8	9	33	21	38
Besiktas	32	14	7	11	41	27	35
Bursaapor	32	11	11	10	35	31	33
Ankaragoco	32	8	16	8	33	32	32
Sakarya	32	13	6	13	35	40	32
Adana D.S.	32	13	6	13	35	30	31
Kocaolispor	32	9	13	10	33	35	31
Adanaspor	32	10	10	12	29	29	30
Zonguldak	32	9	10	13	28	32	28
Sarlyer	32	7	14	11	30	41	28
Mersin I.Y.	32	9	9	14	18	29	27
Antalya	32	8	11	13	22	37	27
Samsun	32	9	8	15	35	48	26
Gaziantep	32	8	9	15	21	31	25
Altay	32	7	6	19	22	47	20

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partizan	32	17	10	5	57	54	44
Dinamo Zagreb	32	15	12	5	55	38	42
Hajduk	32	13	14	5	50	33	40
Radnicki	32	13	13	6	44	38	38
Etolle Rouge	32	11	12	19	52	47	34
Vardar	32	12	9	11	39	44	33
Sloboda	32	11	11	10	43	31	33
Olimpija	32	10	13	9	29	28	33
Voivodina	32	11	10	11	35	54	32
Zejeznicar	32	10	11	11	35	35	31
Sarajevo	32	10	10	12	41	40	30
Buducnost	32	11	8	12	36	46	30
Dinamo Vinkovci	32	12	6	14	54	58	30
Velez	32	11	7	14	51	54	29
Osijek	32	10	7	15	45	50	27
Rijeka	32	9	9	14	51	47	27
Belgrade	32	8	9	15	35	44	25
Galenika	32	4	10	18	29	54	18

SHAKHTYOR DONETSK will be representing the Soviet Union in the European Cup-Winners' Cup this season, having beaten Metallist Kharkov 1-0 in the Soviet Final.

The goal was scored in the 23rd minute, when outside-left Grachev went on a brave run down the wing, forcing his way past defenders, before sending over a cross into the Kharkov goalmouth, where Yashchenko, though surrounded by Kharkov players, managed to score with an accurate shot.

In spite of the narrow margin of victory, Shakhtyor were by far the better team, launching many well-organised sharp attacks and defending with calm assurance.

It is the fourth time Shakhtyor have won the Cup. They have never progressed very far in European competition however.

One strange fact is that both finalists won three of the preceding four rounds of the Cup either in extra time or by a penalty competition.

At the time of the Final, Shakhtyor were doing well in the League also, lying third, but they afterwards slipped down to sixth.

One of their defeats in the period after the Final was at the hands of their Final opponents, Kharkov, and by the same score – 1-0. Metallist striker Linke, who had a poor game in the Final, made partial amends in this home League match, scoring the goal four minutes before half-time.

Ararat Yeveran head the table, though only goal difference separates them from Zenit Leningrad and Moscow Torpedo.

Ararat owe their position to a 1-0 hime win over newly-promoted Nistru Kishinov, a match they won by the skin of their teeth. Mkhitaryan scored the goal only two minutes from the end, ten minutes after World Cup star Khorem Oganesyan had missed a penalty.

Dynamo Tbilisi continue to have an atrocious season. After the worst start they have ever had to a season they picked up a big, hauling themselves up to halfway in the table, but then suffered some terrible defeats and dropped back down to fourth from bottom.

Among the defeats was a 1-0 setback at Nistru, one of only two victories the Kishinov club have managed to notch up in the League so far, leaving them one place behind Tbilisi.

But Tbilisi's most spectacular defeat was a 3-0 thrashing at home to Spartak. Normally this fixture could be expected to attract a crowd of around 70,000 but only 21,300 bothered to turn up this time, as Spartak also are having a mediocre season.

There were no goals at the interval. Then the match was won and lost early in the second half in the space of two minutes. The Tbilisi defenders failed to clear two crosses. Reznik gratefully smashed home the first, and Gladilin pounced on the second.

National team captain Chivadze is now surrounded in the Tbilisi defence by young unknown players, whose lack of experience and discipline is evident in almost every attack they have to deal with. They were floundering around again six minutes from the end, when Rodionov put the issue beyond doubt.

The Soviet Sports Committee has reprimanded the head of the Soviet Football Federation and sacked deputy head Valentin Sych for the country's disappointing performance at last year's World Cup finals in Spain.

There had been no official announcement of Sych's dismissal but the newspaper* Literaturnaya Gazeta, *which had earlier accused him of messing up the side's strategy for the decisive last match, the disappointing goalless draw with Poland, referred to him as "former deputy head."

The paper said that Football Federation head Vyacheslav Koloskov had been severely reprimanded for the shortcomings of the side in Spain and in the general development of domestic football.

OLEG BLOKHIN . . . Soviet football's all-time top scorer.

Russia's squad for the 1-1 draw away to Poland at Chorzow. NB: Ages and caps/goals as after that match.

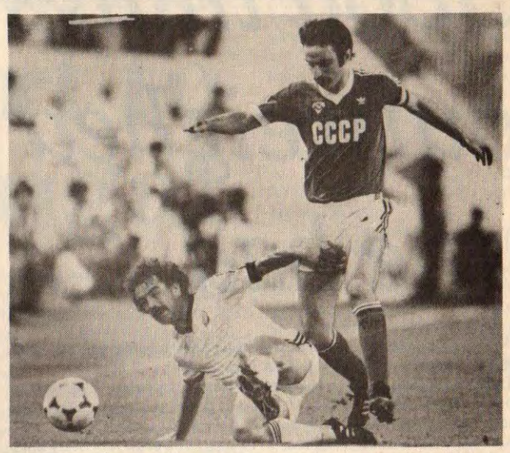
Goalkeepers:	Age	Caps	Goals
Renat Dasajev (Spartak Moscow)	25	33	0
Viktor Chanov (Dynamo Kiev)	23	1	0
Defenders:			
Tengiz Sulakvelidze (Dynamo Tbilisi)	26	26	1
Sergei Baltaca (Dynamo Kiev)	25	22	2
Alexander Chivadze (Dynamo Tbilisi)	28	27	2
Sergei Zuravlev (Dynamo Kiev)	24	0	0
Sergei Borowski (Dynamo Minsk)	27	11	0
Anatolij Demianienko (Dynamo Kiev)	24	18	2
Nikolaj Larionov (Zenith Leningrad)	26	4	1
Midfield:			
Vladimir Bessonov (Dynamo Kiev)	25	45	4
Andrej Bal (Dynamo Kiev)	25	12	1
Leonid Burjak (Dynamo Kiev)	29	44	8
Choren Ognesian (Ararat Erevan)	28	26	5
Fiodor Cherenkov (Spartak Moscow)	24	15	11
Strikers:			
Sergei Rodionov (Spartak Moscow)	20	7	2
Oleg Blokhin (Dynamo Kiev)	30	84	37
Remez Shengelia (Dynamo Tbilisi)	26	24	10
Sergei Andrejev (ASK Rostov)	27	26	11
Vadim Jevtushenko (Dynamo Kiev)	25	4	0

The highest scoring Soviet players of all time.

	For National team	Inter. club comp.	Russian Div. 1	Russian FA Cup	Total
D. Blokhin	37	16	174	14	241
N. Simonian	12	—	144	23	179
A. Ponomariev	—	—	152	16	168
V. Tvanov	26	—	124	12	162
S. Soloviev	—	—	143	18	161
E. Markarov	—	12	129	16	157
E. Sreltsov	25	3	100	14	142
G. Chussainov	4	4	115	19	142
G. Fiedotov	—	—	132	9	141
A. Gogoberidze	1	—	127	6	134
S. Salnikov	11	—	101	22	134
Z. Kalojev	—	—	116	15	131
K. Beskov	—	—	106	21	127
B. Pajchadze	—	—	106	19	125
O. Kopajev	1	—	119	4	124
V. Bobrov	5	—	97	19	121
R. Shengelia	10	16	87	6	119
V. Voroschilov	1	—	106	8	115
S. Metreveli	12	—	84	17	113
A. Banichevski	19	—	81	11	111
N. Dementiev	—	—	91	10	110
G. Nodija	5	5	93	7	110
A. Grinin	—	—	89	20	109
B. Kazakov	4	—	101	4	109
A. Iljin	16	—	84	6	106
V. Nikolajev	—	—	83	23	106
G. Gusarov	4	—	91	11	106
G. Krasnicki	1	—	102	3	106
E. Malofeev	6	—	100	—	106
D. Kipiani	9	10	78	9	106
V. Staruchin	—	3	84	18	105
B. Abduraimov	—	—	95	9	104
V. Kolotov	23	8	62	10	103
V. Demin	—	—	86	16	102
V. Fiedotov	4	—	92	4	100

Country comes first for Russia

SOVIET SOCCER TODAY . . . a look at the national team by ERIC BATTY, and a Cup Final report from TERRY BUSHELL



ALEXANDER CHIVADZE in action for the Soviet Union in last summer's World Cup, shadowing New Zealand's Adrian Elrick.

UNTIL 1980-81, the popular image of Russian players was similar to that of the best English players but without their tremendous will to win. Strong, quick, good in the air, and well organised as a team, but lacking in "flair".

All that went out of the window when Konstantin Beskov introduced a sprinkling of players from Dynamo Tbilisi into his 1982 World Cup squad.

I was very impressed when I saw them draw away to Wales at Wrexham for while the result practically ensured their appearance in Spain last year, and it was abundantly clear that they were playing for a draw "at least" and giving nothing away at the back, their control of midfield and quick counter-attacks demonstrated that they could play real football.

The only thing the Russians lacked was a really forceful central striker who could get goals regularly at top level, and that lack of punch up the middle was ultimately, one of the chief reasons why they failed to shine in the "Mundial".

Away from home, as they recently showed in European Championship qualifiers against Poland (1-1) and Finland (1-0), it is vital to control midfield, and that means, not just bringing back players in numbers, but keeping possession of the ball. If you simply pull eight or nine men back to defend, you lay yourself open to long-range shots hit through a crowd of players which has been a feature of the game in recent years. But if you control the ball in midfield, you automatically limit your opponents in terms of shooting opportunities. But then of course you need ideas and "flair" to do good things in quick counter-attacks.

There were two things which impressed me about the Russians at Wrexham. The first was the excellence of inside-left, and the "big thinker" in midfield, David Kipiani from Tbilisi. The second was the Russians' willingness to play the ball back to an unmarked colleague when challenged, and then make a run on the "blind-side" of their opponent to receive the ball back in space.

Mustered

Kipiani was badly missed in the World Cup — forced to quit after a serious injury — for he scored more than 100 goals in his career, which is more than any other Russian midfield player has so far mustered.

After the World Cup, Dynamo Kiev manager, Valeri Lobanovsky, took over the national team (his second stint), and, as I write is still unbeaten after eight matches. More than that he has already almost clinched a place in the European Championship finals next year.

With Oleg Blokhin still the only major goal-getter, Lobanovsky still needs a regular scorer to play in the middle but all the other ingredients are there as they showed away to Poland in Chorzow.

The Russians have clearly done a lot of work on their goalkeepers, bringing the best up to the extremely high English standard, and also improved their build-up play in midfield.

At Wrexham their "blind-side runs" without the ball were a feature of the game that stood out to me, and they have put in more work on this since. The Welshman, Brian Flynn, whom I have admired for a long time, was quoted in the English press thus "The most impressive thing about the Russians was that they were the most difficult to pick up and mark in midfield, that I have ever played against." Portugal (beaten 5-0), Poland and Finland also found this to be true, and I believe that this is due to a high degree by them coaching their players to part with the ball quickly and make intelligent runs looking for it back — in space — by making runs "on the blind." The *libero*, Alexander Chivadze (Tbilisi) is exceptionally good at supporting midfield men on the ball; giving them time to re-position, then rolling the ball back in to them at just the right time and place as they make their runs.

I was reminded of the Russians' Wrexham performance when they invited me to lecture and demonstrate my ideas, in Moscow last spring, for I know that their FA had a copy of my book "Coaching Modern Soccer — Attack".

Key men

The Russians have worked hard on blind-side running and making breaks on the flanks as Trevor Brooking did for so long for both England and West Ham. Kipiani did much the same job for Russia, and this present squad is very capable in every respect, but is lacking just two key men.

One is a Kipiani-type who can not only control midfield but also get well forward to collect goals regularly. The other is a centre-forward in the mould of Nikita Simonian or Eduard Streltzov. With or without these two key men I confidently expect that having survived the trip to Chorzow, the Russians will play in France next June, but if "Tovarich" Lobanovsky can find or prepare a new Kipiani-type, and dig up from somewhere in the Soviet Union, another centre-forward of the type described — or even another Victor Ponedelnik, they could create a really big surprise next summer in the big competition. The rest is there. All they need to go all the way is two above-average players in the roles described.

The two men needed could even be in the squad already, for with nine men from Dynamo Kiev in their national squad which trains together for long periods, all they need is to improve as a result of good coaching and the addition of a few new ideas about running off the ball in training. There is no doubt that the Russians put country far above club considerations, for the Kiev club are struggling in the bottom half of hethe current championship — simply because almost their entire first team is "in camp" so much with Lobanovsky.

by Leslie Vernon

Good things outweighed the bad . . .

Alan Davies . . . one of Manchester United's Cup heroes, and a new Wales international.

A SEASON in which Liverpool won the championship and the Milk Cup and Manchester United the FA Cup, can't be all bad.

Indeed, looking back on the past domestic campaign, I am glad to report that on the field of play, the good things outweighed the bad. The three-points-for-a-win system is definitely a winner, the clubs have realised that there is no reason to play for a draw, and they have tried to attack — home or away.

I have seen several highly entertaining matches, in which both sides were intent on scoring goals, and the fear of defeat didn't dominate as in so many of the preceding seasons. Quite a few teams even flirted with the idea of using the sweeper system. Liverpool tried it in the Charity Shield, and later in the season, I noticed Norwich, West Bromwich and Manchester City line-ups with this idea in mind.

The "English" sweeper system is a three-man central defence with the two full-backs given the additional duty of helping the midfield with frequent forward sorties. Arsenal attempted this formation at the end of the season, and my guess is that next year, more and more teams will try it out.

Despite their disappointing finishing spell, there is no doubt that Liverpool were head and shoulders above the rest of the field. They play simple, functional football with a great deal of running, so there is always an unmarked player to pass the ball to.

Souness is the key to their success with his prompting and passing ability, Dalglish had a purple patch in the middle of the season and Rush proved to be an ideal finisher of imaginative moves. Liverpool still lack a totally reliable goalkeeper, the mistakes of Grobelaar lost them a place in the European Cup semi-finals. Grobelaar is capable of pulling off brilliant saves, but he is erratic, not up to the standard of the outfield players. Perhaps new manager Joe Fagan will influence him, or better still, replace him with someone safer.

Manchester United were desperately unlucky with injuries in the Milk Cup Final. I think it is time that two substitutes were allowed in domestic Cup matches as in UEFA ties, then we might not have the uncomfortable sight of a central striker playing full-back and another playing centre-back in a major match.

All praise to United and Brighton for a glittering FA Cup Final. They produced a match full of good football, entertainment and colour. The replay for me was a foregone conclusion, and indeed, with an outstanding display, United won quite easily. The fact that United still missed Remi Moses is the fault of this hot-headed player. Whether provoked or not, he fully deserved to be sent off at Highbury, when he foolishly butted Nicholas in the face.

Why manager Ron Atkinson was so disturbed by that decision, I have no idea. Contact was made, I know, I saw it with my own eyes. Bryan Robson deserves a special mention — he had a magnificent season and was rather unlucky not to be selected Player of the Year.

Watford surprised all the experts by finishing second in the League. This is a magnificent achievement on the part of a recently promoted team, and Graham Taylor must be given a great deal of credit. The controversy surrounding Watford's style is an artificial one. Long ball or short ball — what's the difference, as long as it produces results, and no team can be blamed for playing with four forwards. On the contrary, they must be recommended for their adventurous spirit, and Watford had plenty of set-backs which could have forced them to abandon their "open football" style.

A lesser man than Taylor might have retreated, but he stuck to his guns, and silver medals and a place in Europe are suitable rewards. Tottenham finished strongly in the League, they were badly hit by injuries all through the season, so they should be satisfied with a place in the UEFA Cup. Ardiles hardly ever played for them, and that enigma, Glenn Hoddle, had half-a-season's worth of football.

It surprised me when Spurs signed Alan Brazil, because I thought that they had enough first team forwards already, but the ex-Ipswich player proved to be a useful addition.

Some of my correspondents accuse me of a Highbury bias, and I would like to assure them that this is not so, although I did witness Arsenal's vain struggles against mediocrity. The unfortunate adventure with Petrovic, Woodcock's injury, Sunderland's absence, contributed to the sorry picture, but it is silly to talk about total failure. A mid-table position not so long ago was considered satisfactory for most teams, but these days, the customers demand tangible success, hence the disenchantment of the Arsenal fans with their team.

I have spoken to several season ticket holders who will not renew their subscription because "the team play dull football". This is slightly unfair; the management, in the shape of the Neill-Howe duo, certainly do not want to lose their fans, they are simply victims of circumstances. I maintain that Sansom and O'Leary are very good players, despite my critics' assertions — what Arsenal lack is an imaginative midfield line.

The Second Division came to life in the second half of the season, when Leicester began to chase Fulham for a place in the top division. They succeeded triumphantly, although in my view, Fulham had good cause to complain about their last incomplete match at Derby. A game of football should last 90 minutes, and if the referee calls a halt for whatever reason, then that match should be replayed. The score at the time of abandonment could be considered, but no other outside circumstance. Innocents must not suffer — that must be the overriding principle.

Apropos refereeing, I wasn't very happy with the standard in the League. At the beginning of the campaign, the refs. took their instructions literally and sent players off at the slightest provocation. Later on, they used common sense and the famous "clampdown" was watered down. This cannot be right, the same rules must apply throughout the season. In any case, many officials still can't tell fair tackle from an illegal one, they allow goalkeepers to move at penalties and their control is not satisfactory.

Geographical considerations when selecting referees for top matches are not clever, the best officials should be entrusted with First Division fixtures. Managers are reluctant to criticise refs., but after every match, there is a feeling that the official didn't do a good job.

If, on the field, the game is in a healthy state, there are a lot of problems off it. Clubs are fighting to pay their way as a shrinking revenue must cover a large expenditure. I do not regret the deadly state of the transfer market, but lack of money is not a good sign.

There were meetings and commissions during the season to solve the game's sick state, but very few of the recommendations met with universal approval. Self-interest is still the watchword, a football dictator is needed to sort out the mess. English football has always been strong, the general standard satisfactory. We can still hope for improvements in ball-skills, invention and finishing. Fewer misdirected passes, less aimless football.

The past campaign was a giant step in the right direction, everybody's fervent hope must be that the fans discover the entertainment offered to them and will visit the grounds in larger numbers.

Mickey Walsh, star of FC Porto, talks to Jose Fernandes

Britain's export to Portugal

IN THE warm atmosphere created by the fireplace installed in the giant living-room of a five bedroomed house near the sea at fashionable Miramar, sat the first and only British player in Portuguese football.

This was a man who opted for a challenge in a new country, with a new club and had to adapt to different habits and language, leaving behind friends and family.

That was three years ago, when a disappointed Mickey Walsh, out of Queen's Park Rangers' first team and not exactly Tommy Docherty's best friend was contacted by FC Porto, looking for a forward capable of replacing top scorer Manuel Gomes, sold to Gijon.

The former Blackpool, Everton and QPR forward remembers: "I had an argument with Tommy Doc and wasn't in the team. Porto came in for me and after coming to have a look at the town and the club's facilities I decided with Christine (his wife) that if the contract was right I would go. It was a good offer and on the professional side it meant an opportunity to virtually guarantee playing in Europe every year, something no club in England can say except perhaps Liverpool.

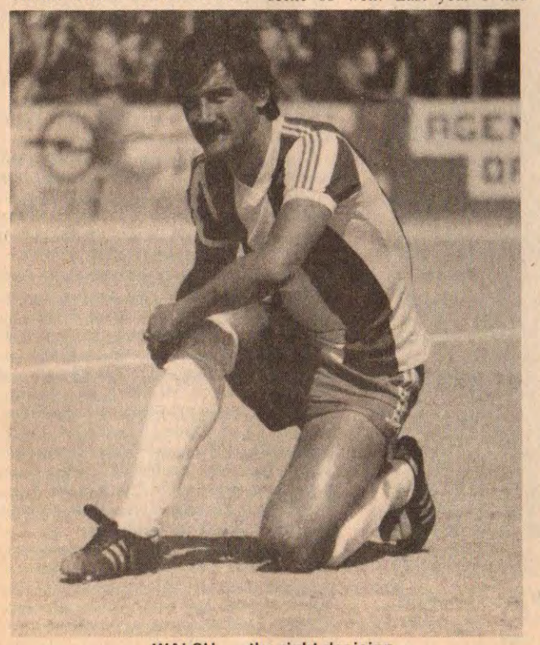
"I didn't have to change much in my style of play because they wanted a contrast. They wanted me because they were looking for a British type of player. One of the main reasons why I settled so quickly was that I played well as soon as I came and earned the respect of the other players and that made it a lot easier for me."

Off the field it was more difficult though: "I lived alone in an hotel for a while. I could not speak the language and had practically nothing to do at free-time. I slept a lot!

"It was all worthwhile, though. Porto is one of the big clubs in European football. Although they haven't had a big international success they compete every year and their organisation and facilities are the best. They have a fantastic stadium, top-class players, good salaries and every facility a player could ask for."

Walsh's first season in Portugal was a complete success. His heading ability and never-say-die spirit earned praise from all the fans. Then came problems with injuries but this past season he was back as a regular playing alongside Gomes (the man he was bought to replace).

The 28-year-old doesn't like to be singled out. However, he says: "All the players contribute to the team. I'm just pleased I could settle so well. Last year I had problems with injuries and played only 10 matches in all competitions, but this year I have been back in form and playing with a very, very good forward along side me."



WALSH . . . the right decision.

Walsh has scored 14 goals in 28 league matches at time of writing, scored two against Anderlecht in the UEFA Cup and was responsible for laying on many of Gomes's goals. So, it came as no surprise when FC Porto tried to secure his services for a three-year period.

"The club came up with a very good contract and the only other club to show interest was Sporting Lisbon. They said they would pay me whatever I wanted. It was too early (January) for any British club to realise what was happening and after giving it a long thought I decided to stay.

"I have just bought a new house five miles from Antas Stadium and I am happy here. I am earning more than the majority of the top British footballers. I would have to be with a club like Liverpool and winning trophies every year to get as much as I am earning.

"I would definitely advise any British player to follow me to Portugal if a good club shows an interest."

The doors for British and other players from abroad may well be opened wider if the Portuguese FA approves a Benfica and Sporting proposal for two foreign players per team for next season.

Walsh says: "Portugal have three very good clubs — Benfica, FC Porto and Sporting. Benfica's presence in the UEFA Cup final proved that they are still one of the top clubs in Europe and that also reflects on how good a team we've got too, because we've been chasing them very hard this year.

"Sporting are strong but they are not the same since Malcom Allison left. After the top three the level drops considerably. Since these three clubs are expected to win every match, home or away, against all the low-level opponents, that makes the six games between Benfica, Sporting and FC Porto vital for all of them. A weak league doesn't mean weak teams though. I would say Italy is a bit like that with Juventus, Torino and Roma; Scotland is similiar as well.

"The football is very different from the style I was used to. I wouldn't think the British crowd would like it, but British crowds are hard to please anyway. They are not happy with their own type of football and it's probably one of the best in the world, so exciting and fast. In Portugal there are few goalmouth incidents, it is slower and there is more time and space for skill as you're not under pressure all the time.

"Portugal's national team are very inconsistent. They did quite well against Scotland and Northern Ireland in the last World Cup qualifiers and with the luck England had to get to Spain, Portugal would have qualified easily!"

Regarding his future Walsh says he has recently formed a building firm with a friend in Lancashire and also plans to open a pub in Portugal. But he wouldn't mind staying in the game after his present contract ends.

"It's difficult to look three years ahead but when I finish this contract I will be almost 32 and the possibilities of getting a top club in Britain will be slight. I wouldn't go to a lower team in Portugal. I would prefer a smaller club in England and perhaps try to get a job as player-coach or player-manager."

BENFICA are champions, as well as UEFA Cup runners-up, but one of the biggest stories in Portugal this season concerns the cup final venue.

The northern clubs protested a year ago that the use of the National Stadium in Lisbon prejudiced them. Eventually Porto won the right to stage the final in their own stadium but when Benfica protested that this was unfair to them (!), the federation switched the match to Coimbra.

Will Porto protest again, or pull out altogether?

WATCH out for some international transfer-market activity by the Portuguese clubs as from the start of next season they are allowed to sign three foreigners and to field two in every game . . . Brazilian apart, as players from there aren't regarded in footballing terms as foreigners.

Benfica already have two players from abroad, Yugoslavia centre-forward Filipovic and Swedish midfielder Stromberg, and another big name is expected. Sporting have also two foreigners on the books but as Hungarian goalkeeper Meszaros will be on the move, two men are expected to join Bulgarian midfielder Kostov. East Europe is the most probable hunting ground now Czech coach Josef Venglos is in charge.

Chile give Argentina a good run

BOTH Argentina and Brazil took the field for the first time under new national team coaches against Chile and if the results could not exactly cause worry, they were nothing to write home about either . . . unless Chile, also under a new coach (Luis Ibarra) have suddenly become a power in South American soccer.

Brazil, under Carlos Alberto Parreira, who took over from Tele Santana in March, were whistled off the field by 54,000 fans in Rio's Maracana stadium and Parreira had to admit that "On this showing the team is still a long way from what I want."

In the first half Brazil showed some excellent touches with Zico, Socrates and Eder combining well. They took the lead three times through Eder (20 and 42 minutes), and Renato (77), while Orellana equalised twice for the Chileans (the first from a penalty). But Brazil couldn't keep it up after the interval and Chile — showing numerous new faces and including only four players from last year's World Cup squad — reached veteran Leao's goal with comparative ease.

"Our defence made the worst mistakes," said Parreira. "Tita and Zico were lost in the second half and from that moment Brazil lost midfield control, allowing Chile to build up their fast counter-attacks." But Parreira has the opportunity to correct mistakes before the South American Championship later this year. Brazil were playing four matches in Europe in June — against Portugal, Wales, Switzerland and Sweden.

The Chileans were somewhat surprised to do so well with a team which had to leave out a number of regulars of the country's top two clubs, Cobreloa and Colo Colo, who were engaged in the Libertadores Cup at the same time, and included instead a number of first-timers. The team was strengthened a bit for the visit of Argentina two weeks later and the 2-2 score must also have satisfied them.

Boca Juniors captain, Ruggeri, outjumps Racing Club's Marchetti to head away in his penalty area during the Argentine national championship match won 2-0 by Racing . . . but Ruggeri got a lift-up from team-mate Perez.

The last time the two countries met in 1981 in Mendoza (Argentina) the score was the same.

Winger Orellana, scoring his third goal in the two games, gave Chile a 1-0 half-time lead, Alonso scored the equaliser 12 minutes after the break with a penalty after his first shot had rebounded off goalkeeper Wirth's leg, Gareca put Argentina ahead ten minutes from the end, but Dubo deservedly equalised for Chile two minutes later.

Curiously three players rarely given a chance by new coach Carlos Bilardo's predecessor, Cesar Menotti, stood out for Argentina — midfielder Alonso, striker Gareca and, in the second half — when Argentina improved and Chile tired — midfielder Marangoni. The Argentine line-up included only three players from Menotti's last World Cup squad — goalkeeper and captain Fillol, defender Olarticoechea and winger Calderón.

In the first half the Chileans were responsible for a number of hard fouls which went unpunished, specially on Alonso who nevertheless organised most of the play with Argentina coming to depend too much on him — which proved fatal as he was often closely marked. Argentina marked closely to the point of forgetting the opposing goal and specially found problems in getting past outstanding Espinoza. Chile, nevertheless, found the way up the wings not too hard and controlled play. In the second half, as mentioned, Argentina looked slightly the better team.

Coach Bilardo, who sat through the match making comments into a tape recorder, was satisfied. "I've got a lot of new players (internationally) who have to adapt and that takes time," he said. Some of the players said they had not completely interpreted Bilardo's tactics and instructions.

Argentina will only play further matches against South American teams before the South American Championships in which they are in the same group as Brazil and Ecuador with the winner going into the semi-finals. Dates for these matches are: August 10 in Quito, Ecuador v Argentina; August 17 in Quito, Ecuador v Brazil; August 24 in Buenos Aires, Argentina v Brazil; September 1 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil v Ecuador; September 7 in Buenos Aires, Argentina v Ecuador; September 14 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil v Argentina.

One tends to feel sorry for Ecuador who have to face what appear to be the two strongest teams on the continent, but they will be playing their home matches in Quito which is 2,800 metres above sea level where visiting teams are bound to encounter diffi-

National championship action from Argentina, with River Plate's Tarantini clearing a San Lorenzo attack.

culties. Ecuador's team will be under coach Ernesto Guerra who is also coach of champion club Nacional and the squad is likely to be based on this club team which is the only one in the country which does not include foreign players.

Group 3 of this championship is weaker with Colombia, Peru and Bolivia due to fight for another semi-final place. Dates for these matches are: August 14 in La Paz, Bolivia v Colombia; August 17 in Lima, Peru v Colombia; August 21 in La Paz, Bolivia v Peru; August 28 in Bogotá, Colombia v Peru; August 31 in Bogotá, Colombia v Bolivia; September 4 in Lima, Peru v Bolivia.

Peru's coach, Juan José Tan, has picked a squad of 18 players including ten from last year's World Cup squad and they will do part of their training in Arequipa or Cuzco, 2,000 metres above sea level, in readiness for their matches against Bolivia in high-lying La Paz.

Colombia, last coached by current Argentine national team coach, Carlos Bilardo, are now under Efrain Sanchez, who made his name as a goalkeeper with San Lorenzo in Argentina. He has picked 29 players to start training.

Bolivia are under coach Wilfredo Camacho, a former international, who has a pre-selection of 40 players at his disposal. An idea to include also foreign-born players who have taken out Bolivian nationality, was not accepted in the end.

LIBERTADORES CUP

VENEZUELA'S champions, San Cristobal, became the first team from that country to reach the Libertadores Cup semi-finals and what makes their campaign more amazing is that the club was only started in 1981 when they immediately won promotion from the Second Division.

Last year, in their first season in the First Division, they won the title and in this year's Libertadores Cup, facing Ecuador's champions and vice-champions in Group 4, they remained unbeaten for the first five games to make sure of top place with one game to go. They lost that last game 1-0 to Ecuador's champions, Nacional, in Quito, but by then the result was unimportant.

San Cristobal does have six foreign players on its staff, however — Jorge Chesio (Uruguay), Pedro Brito (Colombia), Rafael Otero (Colombia), Ernesto Souza (Brazil), Omar Celaya (Argentina) and Celso Maldonado (Uruguay) — and they are coached by a Uruguayan, Walter Roque, who has, however, lived in Venezuela for the last 20 years.

Group One shaped up for one of the closest finishes ever with the two clubs from each country, Argentina and Chile, meeting each other in their last games. During the last month only two matches were played with Chilean champions Cobreloa — the original favourites — coming to Argentina to face Estudiantes and FC Oeste and losing to both which put the Argentine clubs back in with a chance.

Cobreloa would have been happy with draws, but their defensive set-up had to be changed when Estudiantes took a three-minute lead through Trama after only three minutes and then, in a more open game, added another before half-time — a header (by Aguero) like the first goal — on their way to a 2-0 win. Three days later FC Oeste beat them 1-0 with a second-half penalty. The Chileans played defensively and FC Oeste would probably not have got through the iron curtain if it had not been for that penalty.

Now Cobreloa are bottom with four points, but are favoured to beat compatriots Colo Colo on their own field in Calama which would put them level on six points with current leaders Colo Colo. The two Argentine teams are level on five points, have very similar defence-orientated and close-marking styles . . . and their meetings generally end in draws which would put them on six points each.

The cup rules state that if teams from different countries finish level at the top, goal difference counts, but if they are from the same country then they have a play-off. What rule applies if teams from the same and different countries finish level on points? That is something for the South American Confederation to unravel. It has never happened before.

Group Two saw only one match during the last month with Gremio (Brazil) beating Blooming (Bolivia) 2-0 comfortably at home in Porto Alegre to increase their lead to three points and eliminate their rivals. But with joint second Bolivar of Bolivia having to play both their remaining games in Brazil, the only threat to Gremio could be their Brazilian rivals, Flamengo, who would, however, have to beat them when they play the last match in Rio de Janeiro.

In Group Three, previously qualified America, the Colombian champions, retained their unbeaten record when they beat Alianza Lima (Peru) in the last match.

In Group Five it had looked as if modest Uruguayan club, Wanderers, would clinch a semi-final place over their more illustrious country rivals Nacional, specially after they beat them 1-0 in a match which was rough like their first meeting — Nacional had a man sent off after 38 minutes — but then Wanderers could only draw 0-0 with bottom Olympia (Paraguay) at home and Nacional were favourites again.

LEAGUE SCENE

HOW CAN a team, unbeaten in its 12 matches, be eliminated from a championship? It happened to San Lorenzo in the Argentine national championship when they won their first five matches and drew their next seven to be eliminated on goals.

San Lorenzo, who return to the First Division this season, got off to a roaring start with five wins followed by a draw to easily qualify for the second stage of the championship by winning their four-team group. In the second stage 24 teams were grouped in eight sections of three teams each, meeting their group rivals as well as one other team home and away. San Lorenzo went into a tough section with defending champions FC Oeste and River Plate and drew all their six games. This left them level on six points with FC Oeste, but with an inferior goal average. River Plate won the group and two teams from each group advanced to the next stage. San Lorenzo were drawing the biggest crowds and their exit was lamented by other clubs.

At no stage were San Lorenzo an outstanding team, but the mystery was that while they scored 14 goals in their six first-round group games, they managed only another two in six second-round games — against tougher rivals, of course. In this close group River Plate got through by winning three games in a row. The streak coincided with the debut of Uruguayan midfielder Francescoli, for whom they paid $370,000 to Montevideo Wanderers after long-drawn-out negotiations, but neither did they really lift their game nor did Francescoli seem to be the answer to their lack of an organiser.

Central American Scene

AMERICA SET NEW RECORD

AMERICA beat their own record 57 points total set up in season 1979/80 when they finished this season's 38-match Mexican first division with 61 from a 26-9-3 won-drew-lost record.

Their Argentine striker Norberto Outes topped he scorers table with 22 out of America's 69 goals (also tops the league), followed by compatriot Alberto Jorge of Oaxtepec with 21, writes ERIC WEIL.

But Mexican soccer, thriving on foreign players, may have to reduce the number in the country which is going through its worst financial crisis of recent times. Recently club presidents agreed to limit the number to four foreigners per club and this may have to be reduced further, although FA president Rafael del Castillo thinks the number will be reduced automatically, without rulings, as clubs find they cannot pay for their expensive contracts (in dollars) although gates in Mexico are the envy of all other countries on the continent. Some were already leaving. Cruz Azul, failing to qualify for the quarter finals, decided to release Brazilian Carlos Perucci and Paraguayan Carlos Jara Saguir. The club's Argentine goalkeeper, Ricardo Ferrero, has been suspended for 14 games for insulting a referee when he sent him off, and may also be released.

The regular season of the championship — in which the 20 clubs meet each other twice but are divided into four sections from which the top two qualify for the quarter finals — was not too exciting as a number of teams had built up big leads and made sure of a quarter-final place long before the end. Defending champions Universidad de Nuevo Leon did not make it. Nor did last year's North and Central America and Caribbean Champion Clubs Trophy winners Universidad Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM). They were third and fourth respectively in group 4. Recently-promoted Morelia and Zacatepec, with the lowest points totals (30), will have to fight for survival in a relegation play-off.

Former Argentine international Norberto Outes . . . top scorer in the Mexican first division.

At press time, America, Guadalajara, Puebla and Universidad de Guadalajara had qualified for the semi-finals by winning their quarter-final home and away legs on aggregate — Guadalajara 6-1 over Atlante, Universidad de Guadalajara 4-3 over Toluca, Puebla 6-2 over Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and America, the favourites, 6-0 over Potosino . . . with three more goals from Outes.

On the international front, the Mexican national side has played four matches. Head coach Velibor 'Bora' Milutinovic, has not called in any of the big names of Mexican football but has been testing a B squad of 16 young players, who ought to be ready for the 1986 World Cup.

So far they have beaten Vasas of Hungary 1-0, Costa Rica by the same score both in Mexico City and in San Jose and Mexico City and then Guatemala by 2-0 in Los Angeles.

Milutinovic — a former player and coach for UNAM of Mexico City is head of all national sides, including the Youth team who took part in the recent World Youth Championship in Mexico in June. His assistant is Mario Velarde, also a former international player in the 1960s.

Mexico became the first country to be chosen to stage World Cup finals for the second time when FIFA unanimously picked them in May to replace Colombia in holding the 1986 finals. Mexico had already staged the 1970 finals and there are many who believe that these were the best organised ever, but the choice, nevertheless, left a nasty taste . . . not only because Mexico were given the event for the second time while other candidates, Canada and the United States, had never staged them, but because a FIFA inspection committee, after visiting Mexico, refused to visit the other two countries. Diplomatically, FIFA made a big blunder.

Improvements

Taking the relative merits of the three countries into account, Mexico may have been the best choice. They still have all the 1970 installations intact and although improvements are required here or there, they will be done at a relatively low cost — Mexicans estimate only 500,000 dollars for renovations of stadiums. Apart from that, Mexico has a ready audience . . . soccer is the national sport (not so in the US and Canada) and attendances must be the envy of all other American countries.

Altitude and heat could be the major problems for participants in Mexico as they were, in some cases, in 1970. Mexico City, Puebla and Toluca, for example, are around 2,000 metres above sea-level and many matches were played at noon — in temperatures over 37 deg C — to accommodate Europen TV times. It also proved costly for European teams — there will be more (14) this time — who, apart from the long journey, came well in advance to acclimatise, but still found many of their players had breathing problems.

Medical fears regarding dehydration and lack of oxygen encountered in practicing sport in heat and altitude such as Mexico's have been overdone say the Mexican soccer authorities who point to Brazil whose team did not seem to account major problems in winning the 1970 title (although, of course, their players are used to the heat, if not the altitude) and as for expense, a special committee will be created to guard against over-pricing (hotels, restaurants, etc.) during the finals . . . also for the (optimistically) expected six million visitors from abroad.

Memory Lane

Schiaffino— a diamond!

LIKE most of the world's greatest players, Juan Alberto Schiaffino was a little man and extremely slight. But, born in Montevideo on July 28, 1925, he provided further proof that the best things come in little packages — like diamonds.

At 18 'Pepe' Schiaffino joined AC Penarol and in his 20th year he made his first mark. 1945 brought Schiaffino to the top — as a goal-scoring centre-forward — being the top league scorer in Penarol's championship winning team with 19 goals, and also earning his first of 30 caps in the 1945 South American championship.

Another championship medal with Penarol followed in 1949 and then a year later he was one of seven Penarol players who pulled off a miracle.

In the 1950 World Cup, Uruguay reached the final pool. Brazil, at home in the enormous Maracana stadium were absolute favourites and in the final mini-league hammered Sweden 7-1 and Spain 6-1.

Uruguay struggled to draw 2-2 with Spain, and in Sao Paulo, just managed a 3-2 win over Sweden. Thus, for the final game, Brazil, at home to Uruguay, needed only to draw to win the World Cup and actually led 1-0 in the second half.

Equaliser

Then, Schiaffino, the midfield general who had scored four times in the earlier 8-0 win over Bolivia scored the equaliser in the final before laying on the pass from which outside-right Chiggia hit the 2-1 winner to achieve the impossible, in the World Cup in Brazil! Schiaffino, working as never before had been the chief inspiration along with attacking centre-half, Obdulio Varela.

Without world-wide TV, Schiaffino had to wait another four years for full recognition of his talents and by 1954 he had helped Penarol to two more championship successes in 1953 and 1954. And then to Switzerland where Schiaffino and right-back Victor Andrade were the great talents, and TV showed everyone just how good Schiaffino was.

In the qualifying round in Switzerland, Schiaffino scored the second of the two goals by which Uruguay beat Czechoslovakia (2-0) and then inspired a 7-0 hammering of Scotland. Juan Alberto grabbed another goal in the 4-2 quarter-final win over England who included Matthews, Finney and Billy Wright before the incredible semi-final against Hungary in Lausanne when, in spite of the brilliance of Andrade and Schiaffino, the Hungarians won 4-2; probably the greatest game the world has ever seen.

Recognised

Now recognised world-wide, Schiaffino was bought by AC Milan for a then world record £72,000 and began a second career. In six years with Milano Schiaffino helped win the championship in 1954-55, scoring 15 goals; more titles in 1957 and 1959, scoring 49 league goals and helping to win the 1956 Latin Cup.

He also played a starring role in the 1958 European Cup Final, scoring a superb goal to open the scoring before Real Madrid won 3-2. In Italy, Schiaffino was capped four times, helping beat Argentina 2-0 in Rome on his second international debut in December 1954, and then between 1960 and 1962 he played with more grace and distinction for AS Roma.

Possession

Schiaffino was never a fighter, but always in the right place; always easy to find, and then, in possession a master craftsman. Feinting in a variety of ways, he sent opponents the wrong way before dribbling past them; laid on superb through passes for the strikers and scored more than his share of goals.

But he showed his intelligence in many ways, not least by anticipating opponent's passes in midfield, and winning the ball in an intelligent way.

You cannot compare Puskas, Carter, Mannion, Docherty, Di Stefano with Schiaffino for they all played in different ways; each having his own style and playing different roles in the team, but Schiaffino must rate as one of the all-time greats.

June 17, 1962: World Cup Final
Brazil 3 (Amarildo 17, Zito 68, Vava 78)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Masopust 15)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Latychev (Russia). **Att:** 68,679 in Santiago, Chile

Brazil: Gilmar; Djalma Santos, Mauro, Zozimo, Nilton Santos; Zito, Didi, Zagalo; Garrincha, Vava, Amarildo.

Czechoslovakia: Schroif; Tichy, Pluskal, Popluhar, Novak; Kvasnak, Masopust; Pospichal, Scherer, Kadraba, Jelinek.

THE 1962 World Cup was, with the 1966 series, the poorest played in the post-war period, with Garrincha, Brazil's star right-winger, one of the equal top goal-scorers with four goals each.

Garrincha in fact had been sent off in the semi-final against Chile, for retaliating when fouled, and under FIFA's own laws should automatically have been suspended for the next game. But FIFA allowed Garrincha to play in the final, in spite of a protest by the Czechs at the bending of the rules. But though Garrincha mesmarised the Czech left-back, captain Ladislav Novak, he played no part in any of the goals.

In the early stages it was the well organised Czechs who had the better of the exchanges. Based on a very strong defence and counter-attacking, they held Brazil and kept probing away on the break. After only a quarter of an hour the Czechs opened the scoring with a fine goal.

Inside-right Adolf Scherer tried to dribble through on the right, but was forced by numbers to turn away, and as he did so, left-half Josef Masopust broke away through the centre, seeking the through pass that came inch perfect from Scherer.

Brazil's goalkeeper Gilmar came out to go down at feet, but Masopust just reached the ball in time to slip it under the 'keepers body to put the Czechs one up.

Two minutes later, disaster struck the Czechs, and in particular their goalkeeper Viliam Schroif who had been superb in all their matches en route to the final. Schroif now read the situation wrong as Amarildo, the inside- left who rose to stardom in this series as deputy for the injured Pele, broke away on the left, beat three Czech defenders and then, shaping up to cross, drew Schroif off of his line — and then drove the ball home at the vacant near post.

An intriguing battle now commenced with Brazil dominating but the Czechs working well and held together by a magnificent middle line of Svatopluk Pluskal, Jan Popluhar and Masopust.

The result turned in Brazil's favour after 68 minutes with Amarildo, later to be better known as a scorer, once more the creator. Put away down the left by Nilton Santos, Amarildo got to the Czech goal-line, beat right-back Jiri Tichy and then pulled the ball back on to his right foot to cross. With all the Czechs massed at the near post, the ball flew over all the heads and came down exactly right for Zito, the Brazilian right-half, to sprint and jumping, meet the ball on his chest and turn it into the net to put Brazil ahead for the first time.

Misjudged

Now the Czechs came out, spurred on to seek an equaliser by Masopust and Andrej Kvasnak, but now Schroif misjudged yet another situation to give Brazil a third, and clinching, soft goal.

Near the half way line, right-back Djalma Santos received the ball from a throw in, but under pressure he turned away to screen the ball with his body before hooking a long, high ball with his left foot, hopefully into the Czech penalty area. Out came Schroif to look up, straight into the sun where he lost the ball and allowed it to drop behind him.

Centre-forward Vava pounced to tap in an open goal, and Schroif, so often the hero was never to be forgiven by Czech fans for helping Brazil win what was always an intriguing contest.

Eric Batty

Vice Champions join in and Cup becomes too long

LIBERTADORES CUP HISTORY — Part 3 by Eric Weil

PEÑAROL, the current champions and the club which has qualified for the cup more often than any other — practically every year — won the first two editions (1960 and 1961) and were beaten finalists in the third (1962), while they were knocked out in the semi-finals in the fourth (1963), but they failed to qualify for the first time in 1964 when Nacional were Uruguay's representatives.

This weighed on the minds of Peñarol's club officials as the club — always relying more on international games than their domestic league matches for revenue — had found the South American Champion Clubs Cup quite profitable.

The solution they thought up was to press the South American Football Confederation to admit two clubs per country — champions and vice-champions — as this would assure a fairly permanent cup place for the club. Ever since the start of professional soccer in Uruguay (1933) Peñarol and Nacional nearly always occupied the top two places in the First Division.

The proposal was taken to the South American Football Confederation's congress in Rio de Janeiro at the end of 1965 by Washington Cataldi, the well-known Uruguayan soccer official and long-serving Peñarol president. It was strongly opposed by the delegates of Argentina, Brazil and Chile as it would make the tournament too lengthy and cut across domestic competition, but delegates from six other countries — Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Paraguay, Venezuela and of course Uruguay — voted for it, seeing a possibility of more of their own clubs jumping onto the financial bandwaggon. But if some clubs had found the tournament unprofitable, a longer tournament was going to be even less so.

Brazil carried their protest to the stage that they refused to enter their clubs for the 1966 edition — even Santos were among those who had said they had lost money on the deal — and they did not do so again until 1968. Argentine and Chilean clubs were going to do the same, but relented at the last moment.

With not only the champions entering, the name of the tournament had to be changed and the trophy became known as the Libertadores (liberators) Cup in honour of the national heroes of the countries taking part. In all these countries the national heroes are the generals who successfully fought for independence . . . in Argentina it is San Martín, in Chile O'Higgins, etc . . . and in all of them they are known as the liberators, so that the name of the trophy honours them all.

Even without the Brazilian clubs — and those of Colombia, absent for the second year running due to the professional league having separated from the FA — the tournament increased from 27 matches in 1965 to 95 among 17 clubs in 1966. The eventual winners of this marathon, Uruguay's Peñarol, had to play 17 games, while Argentina's River Plate, the losing finalists who were in a larger semi-final group (to which the previous year's champions, Independiente, were added) had to play 20 games.

Two teams qualified for the semi-finals from each of three first round groups containing six, six and four teams and in which participants met each other home and away. The semi-finals were played in two groups of four and three teams (again with teams in each group playing each other twice) and the two group winners entered the finals.

Group one was easily dominated by the two big Argentine clubs, River Plate and Boca Juniors against weaker teams from Peru and Venezuela. Group Two, between clubs of Chile and Paraguay, qualified one from each country, Chile's Universidad Catolica and Paraguay's Guarani, although here the struggle was much closer and Guarani — who had the previous year been eliminated on goals — this time qualified on goals against their compatriots Olimpia. Group three qualified the two Uruguayan clubs, Peñarol and Nacional, for the semi-finals with participants from Bolivia and Ecuador not unaturally trailing well behind.

The rule which prohibits two teams from the same country clashing in the final forced the three Argentina clubs (including cup holders Independiente) into one semi-final group with luckless Guarani who could only pick up one point in six games, while River Plate and Independiente totalled eight to force and play-off and Boca Juniors seven. In the play-off, River Plate put out holders Independiente 2-1, while the other group was won by Peñarol.

The lengthy 1966 competition also cut across World Cup training for countries which had qualified for the finals in England that year — Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, especially the latter whose cup fighters Peñarol and Nacional included the major portion of the Uruguayan squad and the clubs absolutely refused to release their players for national team training as long as they had cup fixtures.

The finals were held in May, shortly before the World Cup, with Peñarol fielding eight players who were on Uruguay's list of 40 and River Plate seven of Argentina's 40 and two of Uruguay's . . . and it was these two Uruguayan players who hit the headlines, but not in the way they would have preferred.

WAS 1966 FINAL THROWN?

Peñarol won the first leg in Montevideo by 2-0 with goals from Abbadie and Joya. Their team was growing old together, but what they lacked in speed, they made up for in experience, while one of their younger players, midfielder Pedro Rocha, only 23 and destined to become an international star, played like a veteran midfield general . . . one of the most complete players Uruguay had ever produced who was also dangerous in front of goal. As a result Peñarol played a slow, but technical game these days.

It was not quite enough to win the return leg in Buenos Aires which saw River Plate running out winners by 3-2 with goals from D. Onega, E. Onega and Sarnari while Rocha and evergreen Spencer — scorer of the first ever final goal for Peñarol in 1960 — replied.

This set up a replay which took place in Santiago de Chile and which went down in Libertadores Cup history, because River Plate were leading 2-0 at half-time and eventually lost 4-2. Daniel Onega scored his 17th goal in that year's tournament — an all-time record — and Solari made it 2-0 for River Plate at the break. In the last 20 minutes Spencer pulled one back for Peñarol and then Matosas put through his own goal to leave the score 2-2 after 90 minutes play.

Then Spencer and Rocha scored Peñarol's goals in extra-time for the 4-2 win . . . and River Plate fans accused their two Uruguayan internationals and former Peñarol players, Matosas and Cubilla, of playing badly to throw the game (a story the Argentine press immediately made a big thing of).

1966 RESULTS

Group 1: River Plate (Argentina) — Boca Juniors (Argentina) 2-1 0-2; River Plate — Lara (Venezuela) 3-0 2-1; Boca Juniors — Lara 2-1 3-0; River Plate — Dep. Italia (Venezuela) 3-0 2-1; Boca Juniors — Dep. Italia 5-2 2-1; River Plate — Universitario (Peru) 5-0 1-1; Boca Juniors — Universitario 2-0 1-2; Boca Juniors — Alianza Lima (Peru) 0-1 1-0; River Plate — Alianza 3-2 2-0; Lara — Alianza 2-1 0-3; Lara — Universitario 0-0 0-1; Dep. Italia — Alianza 3-1 2-1; Dep. Italia — Universitario 2-2 2-1; Universitario — Alianza 2-0 1-1; Lara — Dep. Italia 1-0 1-1.

Group 2: Guarani (Paraguay) — Olimpia (Paraguay) 2-0 3-3; Universidad Catolica (Chile) — Guarani 2-0 1-2; Universidad de Chile — Olimpia 1-2 0-2; Olimpia — Universidad Catolica 0-0 0-4; Guarani — Universidad de Chile 1-1 0-2; Universidad de Chile — UniversidadnCatolica 0-0 2-2; (2nd place play-off: Guarani 2 Olimpia 1).

Group 3: Municipal (Bolivia) — Peñarol (Uruguay) 1-3 1-2; Wilsterman (Bolivia) — Municipal 1-1 1-1; Wilsterman — Emelec (Ecuador) 2-1 1-3; Municipal — Nueve de Octubre (Bolivia) 5-1 4-3; Peñarol — Nueve de Octubre 2-0 2-1; Wilsterman — Nueve de Octubre 4-1 2-3; Municipal — Emelec 4-1 1-2; Peñarol — Nacional (Uruguay) 0-4 3-0; Peñarol — Wilsterman 2-0 0-1; Nacional — Municipal 4-1 2-3; Nacional — Wilsterman 3-0 0-0; Emelec — Nueve de Octubre 2-1 5-0; Emelec — Nacional 0-1 0-2; Nacional — Nueve de Octubre 3-1 3-2; Peñarol — Emelec 4-1 2-1.

Group standings

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
River Plate (Argentina)	10	8	1	1	21	8	17
Boca Juniors (Argentina)	10	7	0	3	19	9	14
Deportivo Ita (Venezuela)	10	4	2	4	15	16	10
Universitario (Peru)	10	3	4	3	10	14	10
Alianza Lima (Peru)	10	2	1	7	10	16	5
Lara (Venezuela)	10	1	2	7	5	17	4
Group 2							
Univer Catolica (Chile)	6	2	3	1	9	4	7
Guarani (Paraguay)	6	2	2	2	8	9	6
*Olimpia (Paraguay)	6	2	2	2	7	10	6
Universidad de Chile	6	1	3	2	6	7	5
*Olimpia won 2nd place play-off to qualify for semi-finals)							
Group 3							
Peñarol (Uruguay)	10	8	0	2	20	10	16
Nacional (Uruguay)	10	7	1	2	22	10	15
Municipal (Bolivia)	10	4	2	4	22	20	10
Wilsterman (Bolivia)	10	3	3	4	12	15	9
Emelec (Ecuador)	10	4	0	6	16	18	8
Nueve de Octubre (Ecuador)	10	1	0	9	13	32	2

Top two from each group qualify for semi-final groups.

Semi-finals — Group 1: Independiente (Argentina) — River Plate (Argentina) 1-1 2-4; River Plate — Guarani (Paraguay) 3-1 3-1; River Plate — Boca Juniors (Argentina) 2-2 0-1; Independiente — Guarani 2-1 2-0; Boca Juniors — Independiente 0-2 0-0; Boca Juniors — Guarani 1-1 3-1. (1st place play-off: River Plate 2 Independiente 1). **Group 2:** Peñarol (Uruguay — Nacional (Uruguay) 3-0 1-0; Universidad Catolica (Chile) — Peñarol 1-0 0-2; Nacional — Universidad Catolica 3-2 0-1.

Semi-Final group standings

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*River Plate (Argentina)	6	3	2	1	13	8	8
Independiente (Argentina)	6	3	2	1	9	6	8
Boca Juniors (Argentina)	6	2	3	1	7	6	7
Guarani (Paraguay)	6	0	1	5	5	14	1
Group 2							
Peñarol (Uruguay)	4	3	0	1	5	2	6
Universidad Catolica (Chile)	4	2	0	2	5	4	4
Nacional (Uruguay)	4	1	0	3	3	7	2

Finals: PEÑAROL won 4-2 on points after play-off.

1st leg in Montevideo:
PEÑAROL 2 (Abbadie, Joya)
RIVER PLATE 0

Peñarol: Mazurkiewicz, Forlan, Lezcano, Diaz, Caetano, Cortez, Goncalves, Rocha, Abbadie, Silva, Joya.

River Plate: Carrizo, Sainz, Guzman, Matosas, Vieitez, Bayo, Sarnari, Cubilla, Loayza (E. Onega), Onega, R. Solari. (Referee: Roberto Goicoechea, Argentina; Att: 49,400).

2nd leg in Buenos Aires:
RIVER PLATE 3 (D. Onega, Sarnari, E. Onega)
PEÑAROL 2 (Rocha, Spencer)

River Plate: Carrizo, Sainz, Guzman, Vieitez, Sarnari, Matosas, Cubilla, Solari R., D. Onega (Lallana), E. Onega, Mas.

Peñarol: Mazurkiewicz, Lezcano, Diaz, Forlan, Goncalves, Caetano, Abbadie, Rocha, Spencer, Cortez, Joya. (Referee: José M. Codesal, Uruguay; Att: 60,400).

Play-off in Santiago de Chile:
PEÑAROL 4 (Spencer 2, Rocha, Matosas og)
RIVER PLATE 2 (D. Onega, Solari) (after extra time)

Peñarol: Mazurkiewicz, Lezcano, Diaz (Gonzalez), Forlan, Goncalves, Caetano, Abbadie, Cortes, Spencer, Rocha, Joya. (Coach: Roque Maspoli).

River Plate: Carrizo, Matosas, Grispo, Sainz (Solari), Sarnari, Vieitez, Cubilla, Solari (Lallana), E. Onega, D. Onega, Mas. (Coach: Renato Cesarini). (Referee: Claudio Vicuña, Chile; Att: 39,200).

Estudiantes de La Plata (Argentina) striker Trama scores his team's first goal — Cobreloa (Chile) goalie Fournier just fails to tip it over the bar — in the Libertadores Cup group one match in La Plata. Estudiantes won 2-0.

ARGENTINA: National Championship — Second round, final standings
(Top two of each group qualify for third round)

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Estudiantes de La Plata	6	4	0	2	7	3	8
Velez Sarsfield	6	3	1	2	5	6	7
Institute Córdoba	6	1	1	4	8	11	3
Group B							
Independiente	6	3	2	1	12	6	8
Temperley	6	2	4	0	8	5	8
Nueva Chicago	6	0	2	4	3	12	2
Group C							
River Plate	6	3	2	1	5	2	8
FC Oeste	6	2	2	2	7	6	6
San Lorenzo	6	0	6	0	2	2	6
Group D							
Platense	6	3	0	3	8	13	6
Unión Santa Fe	6	1	3	2	7	4	5
Huracán	6	2	1	3	6	8	5
Group E							
Boca Juniors	6	4	0	2	11	4	8
Racing (Avellaneda)	6	4	0	2	6	4	8
Altos Hornos Zapla	6	1	2	3	3	8	4
Group F							
Rosario Central	6	4	1	1	9	4	9
Talleres Córdoba	6	0	4	2	4	8	4
San Martin Tucuman	6	1	1	4	5	10	3
Group G							
Loma Negra Olavarria	6	4	2	0	16	3	10
Argentinos Juniors	6	2	3	1	11	9	7
Juventud Antoniana Salta	6	0	0	6	4	16	0
Group H							
Racing Córdoba	6	5	0	1	13	10	10
Newell's Old Boys	6	4	1	1	14	10	9
Renato Cesarini (Rosario)	6	0	0	6	4	14	0

CHILE: Pre-season "Polla Gol" Tournament
(Two games to go — top four of each group qualify for quarter-finals to decide next year's Libertadores Cup participants)

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Universidad Catolica	16	10	5	1	39	19	25
Palestino	16	8	3	5	29	27	19
Cobreloa	13	8	2	3	21	11	18
Arica	16	7	4	5	29	26	18
Magallanes	15	7	3	5	25	19	17
Iquique	16	6	5	5	28	24	17
Trasandino	16	4	5	7	22	29	13
Atacama	15	4	4	7	12	24	12
Antofagasta	16	4	3	9	21	27	11
San Felipe	16	1	3	12	16	36	5

DANIEL Onega's 17 goals for losing finalists River Plate in the 1966 Libertadores Cup is a record which will probably never be beaten. River Plate played 20 matches in the competition that year (including two play-offs), but under the reduced format today even the finalists play no more than 12 games (excluding possible play-offs).

Onega, now 36, left River Plate in 1971, came back for a short spell in 1973 before moving to Spain (with Córdoba) and Colombia where he ended his professional career in 1978 except for appearances for semi-professional Argentine club Renato Cesarini, also in the national championship until a short time ago.

None of the 17 goals, including a hat-trick in a 5-0 victory over Universitario (Peru), particularly stand out in his mind and he remembers more the one that didn't go in. It was in the famous final play-off against Peñarol which the Uruguayan club managed to draw 2-2 in the last 20 minutes of full-time after River Plate had been leading 2-0. In the final minute Lallana deflected a centre to him where he was unmarked on the edge of the penalty area. He kicked with all his might and the ball sailed just over the bar. If it had gone in, River Plate would have been champions. Instead, they went on to lose 4-2 in extra-time and have still not been able to win the cup.

River Plate, the club which has won most Argentine titles — 16 First Division and three National Championships — but never the Libertadores Cup, were never nearer to achieving their ambition than in 1966 when they led Peñarol (Uruguay) 2-0 until 20 minutes from the end of the final play-off. Peñarol, who trooped off at half-time looking like a beaten team, came back in surprising fashion to win 4-2 in extra time.

Today there is still argument on who was guilty of this defeat . . .

Some blame coach Renato Cesarini who moved Solari to mark one wing after Sainz was injured. Solari had been effective in the middle until then. Cesarini later admitted that he made a mistake. Others blame Daniel Onega, the tournament's top scorer with 17 goals that year, who missed what appeared to be a "sitter" in the last minute which would have been the winner. A majority blamed River Plate's Uruguayan and former Peñarol players Cubilla and Matosas for their poor play (and saw a "fix" in it) — specially the latter who deflected a shot into his own net for Peñarol's late equaliser which was going towards goalkeeper Carrizo's hands . . . and there are many who blame Carrizo.

Carrizo says: "Nobody could believe that we would lose. It was just one of those things of soccer. It was perhaps my saddest day, but I don't feel I was responsible, more so now after all this time that I can so now after all this time.

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Cruyff cut adrift — Ajax beached

FOOTBALLER of the Century? That's Pele, according to the English Football Writers' Association. They presented him with a special award recently after inviting the Brazilian to hand over their English Footballer of the Year trophy to Kenny Dalglish.

Some consolation for Pele, who has lost his well-paid match summary job with Mexican television for the World Cup . . . because he supported the United States bid for the finals.

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Obituary. — FELIX LLIMOS. Captain and left-half of Español Barcelona in the late 1940s, he died aged 66. Llimos joined Español from a junior Catalan club in 1939 and was a year later a member of the team who beat Real Madrid 3-2 to win the Spanish Cup. He was forced into retirement in 1949 by an arm injury.

ATTILA SALLUSTRO. Died in Rome, aged 75. Sallustro was born in Paraguay, coming to Italy with his family at the age of 11. Napoli signed him when he was 18 and he quickly became one of the outstanding inside forwards in Italian football. Sallustro scored 103 goals in 262 games for Napoli before retiring at 28 to spend more time with his actress-wife. He played only twice for Italy because of the preference of manager Vittorio Pozzo for Giuseppe Meazza. Sallustro was later Napoli coach for a brief period and then director of the San Paolo stadium until two years ago.

ANDREA RIZZOLI. Died in a clinic in Nice, aged 69. Rizzoli, one of Italy's best-known publishers, was for nine years president of Milan. He retired after the 1963 Champions' Cup victory over Benfica at Wembley — the first time an Italian team had landed the premier club prize.

JAIME LAZCANO. Died in Madrid, aged 73. Lazcano was outside-right when Spain became the first foreign team to beat England, winning 4-3 in Madrid in 1929. A year earlier he had left his first club, Osasuna, to join Real Madrid. He stayed with them until 1934, then spent one season with neighbours Atletico before retiring to concentrate on medicine. But he had already earned his place in Spanish football's hall of fame: in that game against England in 1929 he not only scored Spain's first goal (when they were losing 2-0) but laid on the equaliser (at 3-3) for Gaspar Rubio, and the winner for Goiburu.

RICHARD HOFMANN. Died in West Germany, aged 77. One of the most famous of German players before the war, Hofmann was an inside forward whose proud record was to score 24 goals in 25 internationals. He began his career with Meerane 07, moving in 1927 to join Dresdner SC. He stayed there until 1945, helping them win the German championship in 1943 and 1944 and the cup in 1941. Hofmann, one of Europe's finest pre-war forwards, had an uncertain temperament. He returned to the game despite losing most of one ear in a car crash, yet he was sent off in the 1928 Olympics against Uruguay for dissent. He scored five hat-tricks for Germany, one in the 3-3 draw against England in Berlin in 1930.

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ADIDAS GOLDEN BOOT. — Gomes (Porto) 34. Houtman (Feyenoord) 30. Nicholas (Celtic) 27. Blissett (Watford) and Halilhodzic (Nantes) each 26. Rush (Liverpool) and Anastopoulos (Olympiakos) each 24. Krimau (Metz), Szarmach (Auxerre) and Krankl (Rapid) each 23. Dodds (Dundee Utd), Thoresen (PSV), Koolhof (PSV), Voeller (Werder Bremen) each 22. Simon (Jeunesse d'Esch), Nene (Benfica), Allgöwer (Stuttgart), Dobany (Pecs) each 21.

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JULY DIARY. — July 6: European club draw (1983-84) . . . July 14: Paraguay-Argentina (Asuncion) . . . July 21: Argentina-Paraguay (Buenos Aires) . . . July 26: E. Germany-Sov. Union (Leipzig) . . . July 28: Chile-Brazil (Santiago), Argentina-Peru (Buenos Aires) . . . July 30: Last day of matches in the Inter-Toto.

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THE days when Wembley was renowned as the finest pitch in Europe are gone. Manchester United's Arnold Muhren considered the Wembley surface "a disgrace" at the recent FA Cup Final. FA secretary Ted Croker blamed the 1981 speedway world final workmen for damaging the drainage when they took up part of the pitch to lay their track.

Whatever the cause, the pitch they now call the best in Europe is the one at the Olympic Stadium in Athens. It certainly provided a lush carpet for Hamburg and Juventus at the European Cup final. And, interestingly enough, it's a Cellsystem pitch similar to the one now being put down by Fulham at Craven Cottage.

Many people will be curious to see how this wears under the pressure of top-class soccer one weekend, top-flight rugby league the next.

The truth is that a big stadium does not have a fine pitch by magic. The problems with the Parc des Princes in Paris before the 1975 Champions' Cup final, and the River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires before the 1978 World Cup surely prove the point.

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WHEN Hamburg met Nottingham Forest in the 1980 Champions' Cup final the club took wives and girlfriends to Spain as well. Hamburg lost and the lesson was well learned.

They flew to Athens just the day before this year's European Cup final, with only players and officials on board, spent almost all their waking hours in their air-conditioned hotel and emerged relaxed and fresh to win the Cup.

Juventus, in contrast, flew to Athens on Monday, were besieged by well-wishers in their city centre hotel, and were duly beaten. Maybe it was coincidence, but Juventus — who never take wives and girlfriends to an away match — did just that this time.

THE Italians did outscore the Germans in one department. Among the record 600 journalists present from all over the world were 80 from Italy and 'only' 30 from West Germany.

A pity for many of them that the Olympic stadium authorities are not yet geared to playing host to football matches. Otherwise they would realise that a football match press area needs to be in the centre of the main stand, not away to the right.

The present arrangements are ideal for reporting track and field; awkward for reporting football.

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FRIEDL KONCILIA played against the Soviet Union in his 70th international for Austria. He's now 35 but thinks that, seeing the example of Dino Zoff, there are plenty more years left in him at top level.

His ambition is to play on and retire when he has totalled 99 caps for his country.

"Plenty of players have reached 100 and then retired," says the FK Austria goalkeeper. "But nobody has gone out on 99. That's my ambition."

The most-capped Austrian player of all time was Gerhard Hanappi, the architect who was a stalwart of both the national team and Rapid Vienna in the 1950s. He played 96 times for Austria. The only other player to finish in the 90s — apart from Hristo Bonev, mentioned earlier in this feature — was Jürgen Croy (East Germany, 94).

Meanwhile, that Austria-Soviet Union friendly revived speculation that Oleg Blokhin will be released to play for Rapid when the Soviets decide that his use to their cause is at an end.

The way he's been playing lately makes that day seem further off than it appeared when Blokhin laboured his way through last summer's World Cup.

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WHETHER Ajax were right to cut Johan Cruyff adrift as soon as the season had ended will be a talking point for years.

The Flying Dutchman had not only guided them to the league and cup double but brought fans streaming back to the stadia.

And just how important he remains to them was illustrated by the alacrity with which Ajax were dropped from the World Superclub tournament being played in Milan at the end of June/start of July.

The Dutch club are now suing the organisers who claim, in their defence, that the original agreement included a guarantee that Cruyff would be playing.

When it became clear that Ajax would be without the star who has made them what they are, sponsors Canale 5 (a Milan-based private TV company) went ahead with their arrangements . . . without Ajax.

Ajax's ire is doubtless linked with the amount of cash involved. The club winning the tournament will pick up £70,000, but that's less even than most of the guarantees offered to competing clubs.

Apart from Milan and Internazionale — winners of the first tournament two years ago — the series also features Juventus, Flamengo and Penarol.

Flamengo are to receive £150,000 for their four matches and while, as Brazilians, they are a bigger draw than Penarol, the Uruguayans' current status as world club champions means they are hardly likely to collect much less.

No wonder Ajax are peeved at missing out!

Match schedule: June 24: Inter-Flamengo, Penarol-Milan. June 26: Milan-Juventus, Penarol-Inter. June 28: Juventus-Penarol, Milan-Flamengo. June 30: Penarol-Flamengo, Inter-Juventus. July 2: Juventus-Flamengo, Milan-Inter.

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WHILE on the subject of summer tournament fixtures, here are some more details which may be of interest to British holidaymakers in Europe in the next month or so.

The groups for the International Football Cup, the Inter-Toto competition which fuels the summer pools in Europe, are:

Gp 1: Standard Liege, Twente Enschede, Fc Zurich, Fortuna D'dorf. Gp 2: Broendby, Young Boys, Slavia Prague, Slavia Sofia. Gp 3: Werder Bremen, St Gallen, Malmo FF, Pogon Szczecin. Gp 4: Aarhus, Maccabi Netanya, Shimshonn Tel-Aviv, Lucerne. Gp 5: SSW Innsbruck, Inter Bratislava, Honved, Sloboda Tuzla. Gp 6: Eisenstadt, Bohemians Prague, IFK Gothenburg, B1903 Copenhagen. Gp 8: Arminia Bielefeld, Botev Wraza, Hammarby, Bryne IS. Gp 9: Sturm Graz, Cracovia, Videoton, Red Star Cheb, Gp 10: Elisborg, Eintracht Braunschweig, Trakia Plovdiv, TJ Vitkovice.

In the 1960s the winners of the groups used to play off to provide a satisfactory sporting conclusion. Now the pretence has gone and the prize money will be shared out among the group winners.

More conclusive, however, is the Cup of the Alps. Once this embraced the top Italian and Belgian teams. Now it has shrunk to a French-Swiss confrontation.

Gp 1: Auxerre, Sochaux, Grasshoppers, Lausanne. Gp 2: Metz, Monaco, Servette, Neuchatel-Xamax.

Friedl Koncilia . . . playing on.

The tournament will be played between July 2 and 16, with the French teams in each group playing home and away games against the Swiss. But teams from the same country do NOT play each other.

The group winners play off for the title.

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WHEN Lokomotiv Plovdiv defeated Chirpen 3-1 to win the Bulgarian Cup Final there was little, apparently, to make the match of much interest to anyone beyond those towns.

Until, that is, the Lokomotiv captain stepped forward to accept the cup. He turned out to be Hristo Bonev, one of the finest Bulgarian players of all time and certainly their best player in the 1974 World Cup finals.

Now a sweeper, Bonev was in those days a tall skilled midfield general. Bulgarian footballer of the year in 1974, Bonev won 96 caps between 1967 and 1978 and would have won many more had it not been for several brushes with officialdom.

He's 36 now and, while Lokomotiv won't go far in Europe next season, it'll be good to see Bonev back in the limelight.

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THE star of Anderlecht's UEFA Cup final victory was undoubtedly the stateless midfielder, Juan Lozano. He is still having trouble deciding which country he belongs to.

When he was unable to obtain Belgian citizenship in time to play in the World Cup, Lozano announced that he was pleased to remain Spanish.

This year, however, he has again attempted to gain Belgian nationality. It was thought he might succeed in time to play against France in the Luxembourg federation's 75th anniversary game in the grand duchy.

Instead technical hitches delayed the case. Now Lozano is having second thoughts again!

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In reply to . . . Alexander Pargas, Toronto: The European club addresses are featured elsewhere in this issue. For Corinthians of Sao Paulo it is enough to write to the club c/o the Stad Morumbi, Sao Paulo.

David Kennedy, Birmingham: The team line-ups for Belgium-West Germany were included at the end of the European Review feature in the February edition. A large selection of foreign sports magazines can be obtained through W. H. Smith.

Steve Foster, Potters Bar, Herts: We have no immediate plans for a British-based foreign-internationals survey as you suggest — at least, not at the moment! Both Israeli players did line up for their country while with Brighton, however.

S. M. Tattersall, Stockport: The survey covered those players understood to be on full-time contracts as against part-time deals. Certainly there is a handful of British players in Belgium, France and West Germany who fall into the latter categrory but who were thus not included in our recent survey.

Happel plots victory for Hamburg . . .

from Arthur Rotmil

HAMBURG pulled off the double of both European Cup and Bundesliga titles to earn well-deserved praise from both inside West Germany and abroad.

They fully deserved their 1-0 win over Juventus for the European crown in Athens, despite playing while under pressure at the top of the Bundesliga.

The championship was over for the Italians, while Hamburg's neck and neck race with Werder Bremen went on until the last day of the season — when Hamburg finally finished ahead on goal difference after scoring a 2-1 win away to Schalke.

Hamburg's team, incidentally, cost less than a quarter of the fortune it took to assemble Italian runners-up Juventus who, after Barcelona, Manchester United and Liverpool, are the fourth most expensive team in Europe.

Much of the credit must go to Hamburg's Austrian coach, Ernst Happel. He pursues the methods adopted in recent years by many top clubs in the Bundesliga, namely the departure from the rigid man-for-man marking. Hamburg's zonal marking in defence was exemplary against Juventus who for all their star-studded cast were unable to cope with a system alien to the man-to-man style operating in the Italian League.

While Juventus fielded nine current internationals, Hamburg did not have one; midfielder Rolff is the only member of the national squad at present, but he is not first choice. Yet the Germans had the better team than the Italians with all their world champions.

Happel (57) was himself a distinguished player with Rapid Vienna and then Racing Club de Paris. He gained 51 caps for Austria as a full-back and then stopper. As a team manager he was in charge of ADO Den Haag (1962-69), Feyenoord Rotterdam (1969-73), Sevilla (1973-75), Bruges (1975-79) and Standard Liege (1979-81), before joining Hamburg.

Competitions

Happel led Feyenoord to European Cup and world club championship triumphs (1970) and Bruges to the European Cup final (1978). He was also managing the Dutch national squad which reached the World Cup Finals in Argentina in 1978. In his first season with Hamburg he took them to the championship (1982). Hamburg are incidentally the only German club who has played in the finals of all three European competitions.

The European victory was a marvellous farewell for the team captain Horst Hrubesch (32) who is leaving for Standard Liege. What an astonishing career the 6ft 2in giant has had. He became a professional footballer at the late age of 24, whilst trying in-between to make a name for himself in handball.

He is not particularly talented, yet thanks to his size and physical strength he became the scourge of defenders and established with 42 goals for Second Division Rotweiss Essen in a season, a record in German professional football. For Hamburg he scored over 90 goals in five years. He played 21 times for the national side and the highlight of those efforts were his two goals which won the European Championship Final for his country in 1980.

Apart from Hrubesch the Dane Lars Bastrup will most likely leave the club. The Second Division's scoring sensation Dieter Schatzschneider (25), who last season hit 34 goals and this term so far 30, is already booked for Hamburg. International striker Jürgen Milewski (25) has also extended his contract; other changes on personnel are not planned at present. But assistant manager the Yugoslav Aleksandar Ristic (38) has accepted the post of team chief at Eintracht Brunswick. He succeeds Heinz Patzig, who after the sacking of Uli Maslo was in charge till the end of the season.

Surprisingly though, despite their success at domestic and international level the gates have been disappointing at the Volksparkstadion. Hamburg were, before the season ended, only fifth in an attendances table with an average of 25,584, though these figures for the whole term should improve.

Top of the attendances list were Bayern Munich the only club who could boast average gates of over 30,000 (32,063). VfB Stuttgart reported 28,292; Borussia Dortmund despite internal troubles 27,478 and Schalke although relegated 27,389. At the bottom VfL Bochum's average was only 14,876; Fortuna Düsseldorf 13,884 and Bayer Leverkusen just 9,312.

Claims by experts that "gates are down all over Europe", are simply not true. In fact, Italy, Spain, France, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Scotland all enjoyed higher attendances than the season before.

Bayern Munich have as expected parted company with their Hungarian-born team manager Pal Csernai (50). The club has for the first time in three years won nothing. They were champions in 1980 and 1981, cup winners in 1982. Csernai, in charge of Bayern's squad since December 1978, has been under fire this season for his inflexible tactics and indifferent attitude toward the supporters.

He has also angered the club's sponsors who for some time have been demanding his dismissal. His image and projected lack of personality were "bad for business". The home defeat by Kaiserslautern in mid-May was the last straw.

Bayern have now engaged their former team boss Udo Lattek (48) who has recently left Barcelona. There were also rumours that Barcelona's German star Bernd Schuster would move to Munich. At the same time, Bayern's highest paid player the international team's captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has denied stories that in the event of Schuster arriving in Munich he would go to Italy.

Udo Lattek left Bayern eight years ago. He took them to three league championship titles, one DFB-Cup and two European Cup wins. He is in fact the only team manager who has won all three European trophies with three different clubs. With Bayern the Champions' Cup (1974 and 1975), with Barcelona the Cup Winners' Cup (1982) and with Borussia Mönchengladbach the UEFA Cup (1979).

Release

He is a personal friend of Uli Hoeness the Bayern general manager and the retiring captain Paul Breitner, who both were in favour of his re-engagement. Since Lattek was free following his exit at Barcelona in March, the Bavarians did not have to pay compensation to any club for his release from a contract.

Lattek is an East Prussian who played his active football for VfL Osnabrück and Bayer Leverkusen before becoming coach to the DFB (Football Federation) in 1965. He was responsible for the junior, youth, military and amateur teams. He succeeded Dettmar Cramer as assistant to the then national team manager Helmut Schön.

After coaching VfR Wipperfürth, he became team chief at Bayern Munich between March 1970 and June 1975, with Borussia Mönchengladbach (1975-79) and then Borussia Dortmund (1979-81) before moving to Barcelona.

He now takes over a club in something of a turmoil, where apart from a change in team management the president Willi O. Hoffmann is also under fire and where the retirement of a top player like Breitner seems only the prelude to further exits of personnel.

Some of the problems have been solved. Forwards Dieter Hoeness (30), Calle Del'-Haye (27) and defender Bertram Beierlorzer (25) have all extended their contracts. Reserve striker Günter Güttler has been loaned to 1.FC Nürnberg for £25,000. Goalkeeper Manfred Müller (35) has joined Calgary Boomers in the North American League for £10,000. Midfielder Norbert Nachtweih is returning to Eintracht Frankfurt on loan for a year for a fee of £50,000. Eintracht will also pay the wages of the 25-year-old who failed to make the grade in Munich; these are estimated at £60,000 p.a. Full-back Udo Horsmann (31) is waiting for lucrative offers from Swiss clubs.

HAMBURG'S Wolfgang Rolff holds off a challenge from Michel Platini during the European Cup final.

Nine years after quitting the national team, the country's greatest ever goalscorer Gerd Müller (37) formerly of Bayern, now living in America, will be granted a testimonial match in Munich on September 21.

Csernai was the twelfth team manager in the Bundesliga and the seventh from the First Division to lose his job this season. Before him Karl-Heinz Feldkamp (Borussia Dortmund), Helmut Senekowitsch (Eintracht Frankfurt), Jörg Berger (Fortuna Düsseldorf), Siegfried Held (Schalke), Horst Franz (Karlsruhe) and Rudi Kröner (Kaiserslautern) all left clubs in the top division.

Of course, not only in Germany, but all over Europe clubs engage team coaches for a limited period. Only the very successful remain for any length of time. In Britain, by contrast, the manager is also an administrator in charge of other personnel, he arranges transfer deals, players contracts, PR, etc. That is why managers of top British clubs usually stay on for longer spells. The most successful club manager in history is the Scotsman Jock Stein who won with Celtic 25 major trophies (10 league titles, eight times the SFA-Cup, six times the League Cup and a European Cup).

Stein established a British record in 1967 by winning all five trophies for which the club competed that season. And now he is even the national team manager. Such a brilliant record would on the Continent be quite unthinkable.

The "storm" at Borussia Dortmund blew over. After the captain and former international Manfred Burgsmüller was sacked, the rival factions on the board forced the resignation of club president Jürgen Vogt (35). Burgsmüller, the most successful goal scorer in Dortmund's Bundesliga history, was promptly re-instated, but he is not happy at the club which has missed the chance of honours because of internal squabbles.

SCOTLAND — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Utd	36	24	8	4	90	35	56
Celtic	36	25	5	6	90	36	55
Aberdeen	36	25	5	6	76	24	55
Rangers	36	13	12	11	51	39	38
St. Mirren	36	10	12	14	46	52	32
Dundee	36	11	10	15	42	49	32
Hibernian	36	7	14	15	34	53	28
Motherwell	36	11	5	20	39	72	27
Morton	36	6	8	22	30	74	20
Kilmarnock	36	3	11	22	26	91	17

ISRAEL — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maccabi Natanya	30	18	7	5	54	31	61
Shimshon Tel Aviv	30	12	11	7	35	27	47
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	30	11	13	6	33	23	46
Hapoel Tel Aviv	30	13	7	10	33	26	46
Maccabi Tel Aviv	30	10	11	9	27	23	41
Maccabi Haifa	30	8	14	8	31	31	38
Hapoel Lod	30	7	15	8	33	28	36
Beitar Jerusalem	30	7	15	8	34	33	36
Maccabi Petah Tikva	30	8	12	10	25	30	36
Maccabi Yavne	30	7	15	8	26	32	36
Hapoel Yahud	30	8	12	10	17	25	36
Bnei Yehuda Tel Aviv	30	7	15	8	26	35	36
Maccabi Jaffa	30	6	15	9	22	24	33
Hapoel Ramat Gan	30	6	15	9	15	21	33
Hapoel Jerusalem	30	8	7	15	29	44	31
Hapoel Kfar Saba	30	6	12	12	33	40	30

Top scorer: Oded Mahness (Natanya) 21.

WEST GERMANY — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburger SV	34	20	12	2	79	33	52
Werder Bremen	34	23	6	5	76	38	52
Stuttgart	34	20	8	6	80	47	48
Bayern	34	17	10	7	74	32	44
Köln	34	17	9	8	70	43	43
Kaiserslautern	34	14	13	7	58	42	41
Dortmund	34	16	7	11	78	81	39
Bielfeld	34	12	7	15	45	70	31
Düsseldorf	34	11	8	15	65	78	30
Frankfurt	34	12	5	17	48	57	29
Leverkusen	34	10	9	15	43	66	29
Borussia M.	34	12	4	18	63	65	28
Bochum	34	8	12	14	43	49	28
Nüenberg	34	11	6	17	44	70	28
Braunschweig	34	8	11	15	41	64	27
Schalke	34	8	6	20	47	69	22
Karlsruher	34	7	7	20	39	86	21
Hertha	34	5	10	19	42	68	20

Top scorer: Völler (Werder) 23.

EGYPT — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arab Contractors	21	14	6	1	23	7	34
Zamalek	21	13	7	1	26	5	33
El Ahly	21	14	4	3	24	11	32
El Mahala	21	7	7	7	20	22	21
El Masri	21	6	8	7	16	18	20
Ismaelli	21	6	8	7	15	18	20
El Menya	21	5	8	8	11	19	18
Olympic	21	5	6	10	12	27	16
Union	21	4	7	10	12	17	15
Kroum	21	2	10	9	8	22	14
Domuat	21	2	7	12	7	22	11
Yarn Domuat*	11	1	6	4	2	12	0

*withdrew from league

Larisa surprise

LARISA have been the surprise of the Greek season.

Coached by Poland's Jacek Gmoch they surprised even front-runners Olympiakos in their last outing. It had been five years since Olympiakos had lost in their home Karaiskaki Stadium. But Larisa's 1-0 victory assured them of a spot in the UEFA Cup, thanks to a solid second place showing.

"It was a terrific win for the club and for their fans," said Gmoch after the match won with a goal by Kostas Maloumidis, provided Larisa with the league double over the champions.

"I knew from the start of the season that this team had the talent to go far. We should not believe, however, that this is only a one-year success story. I believe that we will be good for the next five years," said Gmoch.

Olympiakos, with four matches to play, led the league with 45 points, four more than second-place Larisa. Tied for third place with 38 points each, three points behind Larisa, were Salonica's PAOK and Aris, and AEK.

Kazimierz Gorski, Olympiakos' Polish coach, said: "The loss is not tragedy. It actually will do us some good. The players who thought the season was over now realise we have four matches left."

PAOK came away with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Kastoria while Aris were surprisingly beaten 1-0 by bottom club Rhodes in Salonica. It was Aris' first loss in two years. Rhodes and Kastoria are sure to be relegated, along with either Panahaiki, Panionios, Apollon or Macedonikos.

AEK were blanked 4-0 by OFI in Crete as Les Shannon's men moved into seventh place with 31 points, one point behind Panathinaikos who drew 1-1 with Panionios. Panathinaikos had won four matches in a row before the deadlock under new manager Kostas Tsakos.

Meanwhile, in the first leg of the Cup quarter-finals AEK took a 2-1 lead over Olympiakos at home with two goals from Tomas Mavros; Hercules scored a 3-0 victory at Panahaiki; PAOK look certain to go on thanks to a 1-0 triumph away to third division club Panargiakos and Prodeftiki drew in Rhodes 1-1.

Fans are still talking about Greece's 3-2 victory in mid-May against the Hungarians in Budapest. But Sports Minister Kimon Koulouris did not hide his anger at the Greek Soccer Federation (EPO). He was shocked to find that each EPO director took 300 tickets for the European Cup final for their own use.

REUZEAU — AN 'IMPOST

WHEN is a full-back not a full-back? The answer might well be, when he is Bertrand Reuzeau, scorer at Tottenham of the wonderful, eighth minute goal which won the European Youth Cup Final for France against Czechoslovakia.

from Andre Duclos

You might have been forgiven for believing that Reuzeau had in fact played outside-right all his footballing life, rather than figured on the list of juniors as a left-back, played at right-back in the second game, and in midfield against the Czechs.

Getting the ball near the halfway line, he set off on a superb solo run, beat an opponent on the outside, kept the ball in play, cut in past another defender, scorning the easy option of a cross, and finally let go a hard, angled ground shot which found the far corner of the goal: and, as it proved gave France the Cup.

A 17-year-old, born at Evron on April 1, 1966 — but who was an April Fool if not the Czech goalkeeper? — the sturdy Reuzeau has been with Stade Lavallois, alias Laval, since 1980. Until the tournament in England, his whole experience in youth international football had been confined to a mere four appearances in the "first year" team. And then he goes and does that!

You may well have felt, if you were among the four thousand who saw the game, that France were lucky to win it. After the magnificent goal, it is fair to say that the Czechs dominated the game, and Arnaud Sabonnadière had a very nasty moment in the first-half when a shot, so to speak, shot up from the pitch, eluded his grasp, and caused him to move frantically back on to his goal line, to get the ball over the bar by the skin of his teeth. Yet when all that is said and done, and the overall territorial supremacy of the Czech team is conceded — as we must concede that of the Italians in the previous, semi-final, game, at Stamford Bridge, you must surely go along with Graham Taylor.

The Watford and England Youth manager said cogently and philosophically after the Youth Cup Final that although the Czechs had been the dominant side, you cannot score without scoring goals; and they just hadn't scored any.

Neither did the Italians who, after their appalling start against Turkey at West Ham, saved their best football for the semi-final, only to lose to an ingenious French free kick; and to the admirable goalkeeping of the 17-year-old Grenoble youngster, Sabonnadière. An Italian journalist wrote wryly after his team's defeat at Chelsea that for once the boot was on the other foot, it was the Italians who did nearly all the attacking, the French who used classical *catenaccio* tactics to keep them out with a packed defence; then attack on the break, and ultimiately snatch a winning goal.

All I can say is, good for the French, and about time. Too often in the past, in international football, have we played admirable stuff, made lots of chances, looked the better team, only to throw away our advantage; as alas we did in the semi-final of ill repute and bitter memory against West Germay in Seville, last July. Though nobody will ever convince either Michel Platini or Michel Hidalgo that Rummenigge's vital 95th minute goal should not have been ruled out for at least two blatant fouls, one of them on Platini himself.

The success of Nantes in the Championship has been an impressive one, and it was fitting that on the day thay made sure of it, they should have played such excellent football against Saint Etienne, whom they beat 4-2. The Greens, that unhappy club, were full of stars — Rep, Gengini, Battiston, Mahut — but they couldn't stay the distance against a Nantes team in which that fine coloured midfielder Touré, a new star of the French international side, was once more in stupendous form.

Jean-Claude Suaudeau, in his very first year as a First Division manager, has thus taken the title. He is a fervent admirer of Bob Paisley, which will probably tell you something about his preferred style of management. "There's something I have discovered this season," the honest fellow says, "and that's anguish. I didn't have that when I was coaching youth teams. In fact I believe that when one has been a player and afterwards becomes a manager, it is more of a strain. It has repercussions on the physical side. I play less tennis."

Another British manager for whom Suaudeau has much time and respect is Alex Ferguson, of Aberdeen. "First, in seeing the result of his work on the field. Also, when he insisted that he had learned a lot from the time his team met Liverpool, in the European Cup. And the fact that he paid tribute to Hewitt, the player who accepted not being picked as a first choice, but then came on and scored the winning goal. A state of mind which I want to keep up, even if nobody understands it."

Suaudeau doesn't conceal his disappointment that one of his beat players, Thierry Tusseau, of the midfield, is on the move to

Rapid Vienna beaten

From Arthur Rotmil

RAPID VIENNA'S long unbeaten run ended after 21 league games. The leaders and champions elect lost to the last but one in the table, the newly promoted Neusiedl by 2-1.

It was the biggest sensation of the championship race so far. At the same time the series of 56 games in all competitions and friendlies with only one defeat (against Widzew Lodz in the European Cup) was further spoiled. Neusiedl, from the shores of the largest lake in the country (and also the shallowest) in the south-eastern province of Burgenland, struggled thus far despite having invested good money in foreign players, like the 75 times capped Czech international striker Marian Masny (32), formerly of Slovan Bratislava and member of the European Championship winning team of 1976; the Greek Kostas Makris (26) from Kastoria and the Yugoslav Zoran Lukic.

Rapid recovered quickly; they beat their nearest challengers, FK Austria by 3-0 in the replayed match after the Football Federation (OFB) considered an appeal by Austria that Rapid fielded a player not registered properly by the authorities in the first match.

Two goals by the international centre-forward Hans Krankl have put him on the 23 mark, way ahead of the Yugoslav Bakota from Sturm Graz. Rapid also clinched the Cup by winning both legs of the final against Wacker Innsbruck 3-0 at home and 5-0 away. In the semi-finals Rapid eliminated Sturm Graz, while Innsbruck put out Admira. It was Rapid's only tenth Cup against 26 league championship titles!

Rapid are concerned over persistent rumours that their international full-back Bernd Krauss, who was born in Germany, may be joining Werder Bremen. The player denies any direct contacts, but he has not renewed his contract with the Austrian club. Rapid are looking around to strengthen their squad for next season. They already boast numerous internationals; five men played in the recent 0-0 draw against West Germany in the European Championship qualifier. Apart from Krauss, Heribert Weber (27) and Reinhard Kienast (23), the latter capped for the first time in mid-field and Krankl in attack. Midfielder Leo Lainer (22) made his second international appearance coming on as substitute.

Triumph

Goalkeeper Herbert Feurer is Austria's No. 2, while defender Johann Pregessbauer and striker Christian Keglevits are also full internationals. In addition, Rapid still have the Czech veteran of European Championship triumph, the free kick and penalty specialist Antonin Panenka.

Austria's national side drew their friendly against the improved Soviet Union by 2-2. Only 15,000 spectators bothered to turn out in Vienna's Prater stadium. They saw the Austrians equalise in the last minute through their sweeper Pezzey. The team badly missed their injured schemer Prohaska and generally this was not a good performance. International striker Walter Schachner, currently in Italy, is moving from relegated Cesena to AC Torino for £500,000.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid	28	18	8	2	64	18	44
Austria	28	20	4	4	66	27	44
S.S.W. Innsbruck	28	12	12	4	53	33	36
Salzburg	28	14	6	8	45	29	34
Sturm Graz	28	15	4	9	46	31	34
Kjagenfurt	28	12	6	10	49	44	30
Voest	28	11	8	9	38	40	30
Eisenstadt	28	8	13	7	41	43	29
GAK	28	11	7	10	30	37	29
Sportclub	28	10	6	12	42	55	26
Lask	28	9	6	13	38	43	24
Admira	28	7	9	12	36	45	23
Neusiedl	28	6	7	15	25	43	19
Weis	28	5	8	15	24	44	18
Vienna	28	7	4	17	27	54	18
Simmering	28	2	6	20	18	59	10

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Bordeaux, next season. Suaudeau meaningfully remarked that on the morning after they had learned of his departure, Tusseau looked ill at ease, but he emphasises that Tusseau has given ten years of his career to Nantes.

The Girondins chased Nantes for as long and hard as they could, but they were not quite good enough; even though little Alain Giresse remains one of the finest inside-forwards in France and surely, as he abundantly demonstrated in the last World Cup, in the whole of Europe.

Much in the news here is the Bordeaux President, the heavily moustached and often abrasive Claude Bez, who never hesitates to call a spade a blinking shovel. He has made violent public attacks on Sadoul and Sastrex, that is to say on the Presidents, alike, of the League and the French Federation. He feels that the big clubs do not have enough say, and that the official bodies, frightened, as he puts it, to make waves, do not stand up sufficiently to the powers that be, in defence of their interests.

He feels that clubs like Monaco, which stand outside the French system of taxation, have an unfair advantage, and thunders that it is a ridiculous restraint to go back to the law which prevents a club from signing more than three new players. "I'm frank," he says, "sometimes abrupt, but always frank." A claim which nobody, surely, would deny.

A much calmer character is the curiously named Lens centre-forward Daniel Xuereb, a model professional whose grandfather was a Maltese. This tranquil young man is the leading scorer, so far, of the French Olympic team. One to be watched.

MALTA double-winners, Hamrun Spartans, line up before the cup final success. Back: Joe Brincat, Alfred Azzopardi, Charles Zammit, Raymond Xuereb, John Linacre (ex-Hartlepool), Edwin Farrugia (captain). Front: Peter Hatch, Alex Azzopardi, Leo Refalo, Michael Degiogrio, Joseph Salerno.

Spartans double

THE 1982-83 Maltese soccer campaign, came to an end officially, when the already-crowned champions, Hamrun Spartans, completed a memorable double, by clinching the national cup in beating Valetta City 2-0 — their first-ever FA Trophy.

Thanks to Hamrun's successes this season, football in Malta has received a big boost, with the national side also putting in two fine displays against the Republic of Ireland and Spain. Attendances have been soaring.

Much of the credit for Hamrun's domination should go surely to the new signings before the season — the most notable of which was Englishman Peter Hatch (ex-Exeter City), the brains behind the Hamrun side, particularly during the closing crucial matches.

Thus next season Malta will be represented in the Champions Cup by Hamrun Spartans — their first-ever European venture — with Valetta City in the Cup Winners Cup, and surprise side Rabat Ajax, trying their luck, for the very first time as well in Europe in the UEFA Cup.

Meanwhile, the Maltese national side went down only 3-2 to Spain in the European Championship, the plucky Maltese side fought back to equalise Senor's 22nd minute opening goal, through 19-year-old up-and-coming star Carmel Busuttil. They went ahead three minutes into the second-half, through Buauttil again, before Carrasco levelled the scores in the 60th minute and Rafael Gordillo secured both points for the Spaniards with just six minutes to go.

Swiss lose last chance

SWITZERLAND'S National Team lost probably the last chance of catching Belgium in their European Championship group, when they were held to a goalless draw by East Germany, in Bern. Considering that the Swiss had lost all three previous encounters with the East Germans, this was an improved result, yet the feeling remained that with a full side a win was possible, and would probably have been achieved.

As it was, national team manager Paul Wolfisberg had to select a side shorn of five regulars. Goalkeeper Burgener, who would have played in his 60th international, defenders Lüdi and Geiger, schemer Ponte and striker Zwicker were all injured. None of the replacements, Berbig, In-Albon, Zappa, Braschler and Beat Rietman, a 21-year-old from St. Gallen making his international debut, have actually disappointed, yet for all the pressure and the storming attacks the Swiss had nothing to show for.

The good crowd of 32,000 and all experts were unanimous in their assessement of the sadly depleted side — "they did their best, but simply had no luck in finishing". The Swiss would now have to beat Belgium (h) and East Germany away by clear margins, while the Belgiums would have to lose in Scotland, for the Swiss to qualify for the finals on goal difference. No-one, however, is prepared to bet on such a turn of events.

On the domestic front the biggest sensation was the sacking of Max Merkel by FC Zurich. After just 30 days in office the controversial Austrian team manager has criticised the club in such unbecoming manner that his dismissal became inevitable. Once again the volatile coach saw fit to display the nastier side of his nature in public and he is unlikely to be offered another job in this country.

On course

Zurich replaced Merkel temporarily with Köbi Kuhn (39), the 64-times capped former player who will work with Erich Vogel, the coach to keep the club on course for a UEFA-Cup place. There are hopes that the Czech Vaclav Jazek (59) who led his country's national team to the European Championship triumph in 1976, coached in Holland for a number of years and recently managed Sparta Prague, would take over, but apparently he has had some domestic and health problems lately.

Merkel was the tenth manager to lose his job this season in the 32-team National League (Two Divisions). Zurich, Aarau and Bulle (all First Division), Lugano, Baden, Grenchen, Chiasso, Rüti and Fribourg have all changed "trainers".

Daniel Jeandupeux, who left FC Zurich in March, is joining French First Division club Toulouse and so does the the 25-year-old international midfielder Lucien Favre (Servette) who played his 13th international against East Germany. Favre signed a tree-year contract with a clause that he must be released for all internationals. The transfer fee was given as £25,000, which is in accordance with the special arrangements all players sign with Servette.

The Cup final on Whit Monday between Grasshoppers and Servette ended 2-2 after extra time. Because of shortage of free dates it was due to be replayed on June 21, again in Bern.

SWITZERLAND — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grasshoppers	30	24	1	5	86	29	49
Servette	30	22	4	4	65	24	48
St. Gallen	30	17	6	7	61	31	40
Zürich	30	17	4	9	55	39	38
Lausanne	30	15	7	8	51	28	37
N. Xamax	30	15	7	8	61	40	37
Sion	30	12	11	7	51	36	35
Luzern	30	14	3	13	57	56	31
Young Boys	30	11	8	11	35	42	30
Wettingen	30	8	9	13	40	47	25
Basel	30	10	5	15	47	56	25
Vevey	30	9	4	17	42	61	22
Bellinzona	30	8	5	17	36	74	21
Aarau	30	8	4	18	32	52	20
Bulle	30	4	4	22	27	87	12
Winterthur	30	2	6	22	30	74	10

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MESZOLY QUITS

by Leslie Vernon

TRAGEDY against the Greeks in Budapest, defeat in Copenhagen – Hungary's European Championship dreams are in ruins!

Kalman Meszoly wasn't happy about his team's performance at Wembley and made several changes for the Greek match. He put Zsiboras in goal, played Varga at left-back, drafted in Ebedli and Bodonyi. Nyilasi was asked to play in the forward line.

The Greek team were full of reserve players, but surprisingly, they didn't opt for all-out defence. They shocked Hungary with an excellent performance, and their dangerous forward, Anastopoulos, was quite outstanding. He scored the first goal in the 16th minute following an imaginative move, but Nyilasi equalised eight minutes later. Kostikos gave the Greeks the lead again in the 33rd minute, and the Hungarians were outplayed at this stage of the match.

In the second half, instead of an all-out siege on the Greek goal, the visitors were further ahead through a goal by Papaioannu, and a home defeat seemed inevitable. Hajszan made it 2-3 two minutes from the end, but by that time, half of the spectators had deserted the stadium. This was a painful defeat, and apart from the second-half substitutes, Jancsika and Szokolai, no Hungarian player escaped criticism.

Meszoly was speechless after the match, he could not believe his eyes, it was like a bad dream. Later he said: "Hungarian football hit rock bottom today. If we lose in Copenhagen, I will resign."

Against Denmark he brought back Katzirz in goal, Toth at full-back, restored the Hannich-Nyilasi-Poczik midfield line, and recalled L. Kiss and Torocsik into the forward line. This team played a great deal better than the one in Budapest, but they were desperately unlucky in the closing stages of the match.

Elkjaer scored in the third minute for Denmark, but once again, Nyilasi equalised with an excellent goal before the break. The Danish forward, Berggren, shot at goal in the 83rd minute, Katzirz saved, but J. Olsen followed up and headed home. Two minutes later Katzirz gave away a needless penalty, and Simonsen made the final score 3-1!

Several Hungarian players deserve praise for their efforts, especially Nyilasi, Garaba, Hannich and Kocsis.

Meszoly was very upset and described the defeat as "unfortunate". According to him, there was an infringement before the second Danish goal. His resignation is final, although it hasn't been accepted yet by the FA Torocsik said: "Denmark weren't as good as I expected. The result is unfair, we deserved a draw at least!" But League tables don't lie. Hungary, after three consecutive defeats, are out of the European Championship. This is a great disappointment, and during the next few weeks the usual inquests will take place with very little tangible results.

Meszoly's head on the silver plate is no consolation. In any case, it is not his fault if present-day Hungarian players are simply not good enough to compete on the international stage. It is sad, though, that Hungary, with their fine traditions, should lose against countries like Greece and Denmark. . . .

Raba Gyor won the championship despite having had the hardest draw in the last three matches. Ferencvaros had the easiest, but that doesn't mean a great deal. The match of the campaign was played at Raba, where Ferencvaros were the visitors. In front of a packed house, "Fradi" played much better in the first half, and grabbed a two goals' lead through Nyilasi who scored twice – the second goal from a penalty.

But Raba are usually a good team in the second half, and they came back strongly with a goal by Szentes. Hannich equalised from the penalty spot in the 58th minute. In the 63rd minute, Szabadi took the ball up to the Raba goal, but the goalkeeper brought him down. Another penalty – another Nyilasi goal! 3-2 to Ferencvaros. In the 87th minute, Burcsa received the ball just outside the penalty box, cleverly turned with it and scored with a low shot. 3-3!

HUNGARY — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Györ	30	19	6	5	82	37	44
Ferencvaros	30	19	5	6	73	46	43
Honved	30	17	8	5	57	33	42
Csepel	30	13	11	6	52	46	37
Ujpest Dozsa	30	12	8	10	45	47	32
Tatabanya	30	9	11	10	42	40	29
Vasas	30	11	6	13	56	52	28
Haladas	30	10	8	12	33	40	28
Ciosgyör	30	8	11	11	36	44	27
Nyiregyhaza	30	9	8	13	29	37	26
Zalaegerszeg	30	8	10	12	37	46	36
MTK Budapest	30	9	8	13	40	58	26
Videoton	30	11	3	16	48	47	25
Pecs	30	9	7	14	45	52	25
Debrecen	30	8	9	13	35	51	25
Bekscsaba	30	5	7	18	41	75	17

Top scorer: Debany (Pecs) 23.

Kalman Meszoly . . . "what more could I have done?"

Record fifth win for Dynamo Berlin

BERLINER FC Dynamo, known to most people as Dynamo Berlin, have walked away with the East German Championship for a record fifth time in succession.

A second record created by Dynamo was to play through the entire league campaign without defeat, and in addition they broke Dynamo Dresden's old record for being unbeaten, set in the seventies when Hans-Jurgen Kreische was the DDR's biggest star, and general cum scorer for Dresden.

Some 30 league games in a row without defeat is now Dynamo Berlin's record, and in the campaign just finished they were untouchable.

At home they won 11 and drew 2; scoring 36 goals to 8, and away they won 9 and drew eight for a goals tally of 36 to 14, and they did most of it without their best player, international striker Hans-Jurgen Riediger, who missed half the season through injury.

Dynamo Berlin were tested in the final stages for without Riediger they were away to runners-up FC Vorwarts Frankfurt, the army team, and drew 2-2, and then on the last day they pushed FC Carl Zeiss Jena out of second place by beating them 2-0 in Berlin.

Newly promoted Chemie Bohlen and Sachsenring Zwickau go down to the Regional-Liga, with the other promoted club, 1.FC. Union Berlin escaping, but third from bottom. The promoted teams have still to be settled in the play-offs.

Riediger, the number one of Dynamo Berlin scored 16 goals in only 15 league games and if fit would surely have been the top scorer. But his injury allowed Ralf Minge, the talented young Dresden striker to steal second place in the scorers list with 17, and the top scorer for the 1982-83 campaign was once more Joachim Streich of 1.FC Magdeburg, who scored 19 goals. This is the fourth time that Streich has collected the 'Cannon', and almost certainly the last for at 32 with 93 caps, he must lose the edge off his quick reactions in front of goal.

Attendances rose slightly in the season just ended, totalling 2,150,800 which is 66,800 up on 1981-82, and an average of 11,813 per game overall.

In the FGDB 'Pokal' Magdeburg earned a place in next season's European Cup-winners Cup with a 4-0 win over FC Karl-Marx-Stadt. 48,000 saw the game at the Stadion der Weltjugend in Berlin and tradition gave the Cup Final to Magdeburg all the way. This was their seventh appearance in the DDR Pokal-Finale, and they had never previously lost one. FCK's only previous final was in 1969 when Magdeburg beat them 4-0. Streich gave FCK the killer blows with goals in the 34th and 53rd minutes while another veteran international, midfield general Jurgen Pommerenke, grabbed an 87th minute goal.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BOHEMIANS are undoubtedly the outstanding team of the current Czech season and to underline it they had seven players in the national team that stormed to top place in their group with a 1-0 win away to Romania.

But on the domestic front, their season almost collapsed when manager-coach Tomas Pospichal resigned at half time in the UEFA Cup semi-final against Anderlecht when the club directors took over the team "just for the night".

When Pospichal quit, Bohemians held a five point lead in the league and were in the Czech FA Cup Final, and then, without Pospichal, the players seemed to lose their confidence and everything began to go wrong. In the FA Cup they were beaten in the Czech final by Dukla Prague who now meet the winners of the Slovak Cup, Slovan Bratislava. This year the final is to be staged at the Telene Polé ground in Bratislava, which means that Slovan will be "at home".

In the championship race, Bohemians were held to 1-1 at home to Spartak Trnava before the best crowd of the weekend, 8,612. Bohemians had done so well because of their fine away record: won 4, drawn 5, lost only 3 and hitting 20 goals to 18 away from home.

But now things really turned sour, for away to relegation threatened Brno, Bohemians went down 1-2 before a crowd of 10,135 and with second placed Banik Ostrava beating Zilina 4-2, that cut Bohemian's lead to only one point. Keeping the pressure on the top two clubs, Sparta Prague who have lost only one league game since Vaclav Jezek took over, won 2-1 away to SK Slavia in the big Prague local derby. 10,700 saw Sparta right winger Miroslav Denk get both goals in the first half.

Denk came from a Division II club, Dukla Tabor, and is a little like England's Steve Coppell was when he was young, very quick, skilful, and lively. With nine goals in his first season in the top class, Denk is only four goals behind the top marksman Peter Herda on 13 — and he takes penalties for Slavia.

Another Sparta player amongst the top scorers is centre forward Stanislav Griga who shares second place on 12 goals with Petr Janecka (Brno) and Ladislav Vizek of Dukla (who also takes spot kicks).

The Czech season will end later than almost everyone else for they still have five rounds of league games to play, having given every chance to allow Frantisek Havranek, the new national team boss, to get his squad together for long periods before all games, and taking their usual lengthy winter break. There is still everything to play for and it could be a very close finish.

Joachim Streich, Magdeburg and East Germany.

With Dr Jozef Venglos, the boss of Spain, now in Portugal with Sporting Lisbon, it is expected that the next national team boss will be Josef Masopust, now in Belgium, while Pospichal will take over Sparta Prague in the summer. The future of Sparta's temporary boss is in doubt. Vaclav Jezek is old enough to retire if he wants to, but he told me recently he still fancies one more spell abroad before he quits.

POLAND

FOR the record keepers, the Poles' 3-1 win over Bulgaria in Lodz on March 23 was labelled in Poland as an inter-league fixture, a preparation for their key European Championship matches at home to Finland and Russia.

When those two games were both drawn (1-1), the Polish interest in the competition faded, and the big talking point now is, who is to be the new striker in the national team for the next World Cup bid. In 180 minutes at home, the Poles managed just two goals. Against Finland they played with three up: Zbigniew Boniek, Miroslaw Okonski, and Wlodzimierz Smolarek.

The last named, Smolarek, got the only goal against the Finns, only a second minute spot kick which gave the Widzew star his eighth goal in 21 national team outings. Then, at home to the Russians, Boniek — acknowledged as quite the best Polish player of the moment, got his 21st goal in 59 outings, but he seems to prefer playing in midfield these days. Boniek played in a two-man attacking duo with Smolarek against Russia, but the general feeling now is that while Smolarek is quick and full of courage, he lacks the skills required to get goals against the best defences at top level.

So the future seems to belong to Miroslaw Okonski (of Lech Poznan), the top scorer after 27 rounds of league games — with 13 goals — who is 24 and has so far failed to score in any of his six games for Poland. To be fair he hasn't had six full games, going on as a substitute in most of his matches, but likely to be given an extended run to show whether or not he can do it.

But the most likely Polish star striker of the future is 20-year-old Dariusz Dziekanowski who has scored twice in his four brief spells in the national squad. He replaced Smolarek for the last nine minutes against Russia, and if, as seems likely at the moment, his club, Gwardia Warsaw, now bottom, are relegated, there will be all kinds of wheeling and dealing going on this summer to get his signature.

In the league race, Ruch Chorzow attracted a 45,000 crowd for the visit of Pogon Szczfon, when they were top, but held to a 1-1 draw they were overtaken by Lech Poznan who beat LKS Lodz 2-1 in front of 30,000 with Okonski grabbing a late winner five minutes from time.

Widzew pulled themselves up level with Ruch, one point behind leaders Lech with a 2-0 home win over Slask who have had a disastrous spring, and now it is a three horse race. Widzew got a 1-0 win away to Pogon (Smolarek) but then crashed 0-1 away to Ruch after hitting the top spot briefly, and that put Ruch back on top. Lech Poznan, level top with Ruch, crashed by 0-6 away to Wisla Krakow, but kept their hopes alive with a 1-0 home win over Legia watched by 30,000 and with three rounds left it looks like Ruch (the leaders) or Widzew, the reigning champions, whom most neutrals think are ghe best team in Poland at the moment.

ALBANIA

VLLAZNIA Skoder won a thrilling race to the Albanian title which, at one stage, threatened to end with three clubs finishing on the same number of points at the top.

Vllaznia, Partizani and 17 Nentori all went into their last game level on 32 points — and fourth-placed Flamurtari, on 30 points, could still dream of a miracle.

In the event Vllaznia won 2-0 away against Tomori with goals from Borshi and Gruda, while Partizani won 2-0 at home against outgoing champions Dinamo Tirana. As for 17 Nentori, they collapsed under pressure of having to run up a big win to overhaul Vllaznia on goal difference . . . and lost 2-1 at home to Labinoti.

Vllaznia and Partizani finished level on 34 points, but Vllaznia had a better goal difference (39-19 = 20 compared with 32-17 = 15).

Dashnor Bajaziti of struggling Besa was top scorer with 16 goals.

Standard Liege and Anderlecht battle on

from Philip Smith

ANDERLECHT and Standard Liege are fast becoming the Conners and McEnroe of Belgian football. At the start of each tournament the contestants are always the number one and two seeds and inevitably both reach the final. The only question is which one of the two will win.

Thus the 1982-83 Belgian season was no different to the previous two. This time it was Standard who came out on top, as they did last year, giving trainer Raymond Goethals the happy record of two seasons in charge and two little successes. Arie Haan not only matches that record but actually betters it, as he skippered Anderlecht to the 1980-81 crown before moving to the enemy.

The Dutchman's presence in the Standard line-up goes a long way towards explaining the revival in the club's fortunes. It wouldn't be unfair to say that Haan's best days are behind him, but despite a gradual slowing down there can be no doubt that his midfield leadership was a quality Standard had been sadly lacking prior to his arrival. This season more than last Standard can put their success down to teamwork, solidarity and the tactical knowledge of those both on and off the field. As the focal point of the team Haan used his experience to the full, and his return to Holland next season leaves Goethals with a huge hole to fill.

With Gerets also on the move (to Milan) the trainer will now look to the likes of Meeuws, Vandersmissen and Plessers to provide the backbone of the team. All three are seasoned campaigners of international quality who are now at the peak of their careers. As is Tahamata, who continues to be the scourge of Belgian defences. His final tally of 20 goals proved that the transformation from a speedy winger to a goal-hungry striker is now complete. Of the younger element Etienne Delangre stood out as being one for the future, and having filled in for Gerets on a number of occasions he looks to be the obvious replacement.

Standard led the table over Christmas and were certain to be in with a shout at the finish, but even their staunchest supporters must have been a little apprehensive when Anderlecht went three points clear with only eight games to go.

At this stage Goethals saw Anderlecht's defeat at Gent as the turning point, for at the same time his team were comfortably disposing of the other contenders Antwerp, and from then on it was a question of safety first and waiting for a possible Anderlecht slip-up. The fact that the mauve and whites were up to their necks in European action as well as fighting for the title made it more than likely they would falter somewhere.

There was, of course, supreme irony in the slip-up when it came. FC Liege, Standard's local rivals, were the team that did the damage, their victory over Anderlecht in front of a stunned Heysel crowd being the shock of the season. For a long, long time Anderlecht, and Lozano in particular, will not forget the name of referee Ignace Gooris.

Earlier in the season the official took charge of Anderlecht's home game with Beveren, sent Lozano off and in doing so helped the visitors to an unexpected win. For the match against Liege referee Gooris again took a hand, this time refusing Lozano a penalty following a blatant foul by the Liege keeper. Sixty seconds later Liege scored their second goal to wrap up the match and effectively end Anderlecht's title hopes. That Van Himst and his men were halfway through the UEFA Cup Final when suffering at the expense of M. Gooris is not, perhaps, an unrelated fact.

Whilst all this was going on Standard were notching up their seventh straight win, and when they made it eight against Lokeren a week later the 40,000 packed into the Sclessin stadium had another Championship to celebrate.

In the end it was a solitary point that separated the top two, with Antwerp and Gent finishing a further two points adrift. Gent's storming late season run enabled them to pick up a UEFA Cup place for the second year running. At one stage Antwerp appeared possible champions, but when it came to the crunch they lost to both Standard and Anderlecht and until fortunes against the big two are reversed Antwerp will always have to settle for a minor berth.

There were a number of players to admire in the Antwerp side however, none more so than March Vanderlinden, an exceptionally talented youngster who capped a series of first rate displays when making his senior international debut against France at the end of the season. Casting the net further than Antwerp but not outside the city limits, another young star of the season was Beerschot's Dirk Goossens, who quickly came to the fore in Rik Coppens' outfit and who will next season line-up with another former Beerschot midfielder Juan Loxano.

On the whole it was a quiet year for the emerging younger talent. National trainer Guy Thys stuck by his tried and tested troops and gave very few opportunities to new faces, preferring when making changes to bring back the likes of Luc Millecamps and Voordeckers. Belgium's results cannot give any cause for complaint over this policy, and other trainers could do far worse than copy the tried and tested Thys formula.

Ending up in fifth and sixth spots, and out of the UEFA Cup reckoning, were Club Brugge and Beveren. By coincidence these two contested the Belgian Cup final, giving that sometimes sedate affair an extra edge as a European place was the reward to the winners and nothing European was left for the losers. Thanks to goals from Theunis, Martens and Schoenberger the Cup went to Beveren, whilst Dardenne at least gave Club a consolation goal. Beveren's league season was one marked by inconsistency, but surprisingly their attendances kept up a very respectable level. Previous excursions into Europe have led to a semi-final place, and with a hostile welcome awaiting any visiting club Beveren would, I suggest, be a team to avoid.

The rest of the table shows that Lokeren and Waterschei both had disappointing second halves to the season, whilst Seraing under George Heylens finally put their act together to finish in a very respectable 13th spot. Tongeren and Winterslag always looked liked relegation material.

The only question was which of the two would end up bottom. This season it was Winterslag. In two years time it could easily be Tongeren, such is the predictability of Belgian football at the moment. Even the two relegated teams from last season, Beringen and Mechelen, bounced straight back. Perhaps one of them might produce a shock next season, but then again, perhaps not.

BELGIUM — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Standard	34	22	6	6	72	34	50
Anderlecht	34	20	9	5	74	33	49
Antwerp	34	20	6	8	56	30	46
Gent	34	17	10	7	57	42	44
Brugge	34	17	9	8	57	50	43
Deveren	34	15	10	9	68	38	40
Waterschei	34	14	9	11	48	49	37
Lokeren	34	13	9	12	42	38	35
Liegeois	34	11	10	13	37	54	32
RWDM	34	9	13	12	32	38	31
Cercle	34	7	16	11	37	47	30
Kortrijk	34	10	9	15	40	54	29
Seraing	34	8	13	13	41	59	29
Lierse	34	11	6	17	35	46	28
Beerschot	34	8	9	17	43	60	25
Waregem	34	7	9	18	36	52	23
Tongeren	34	7	7	20	50	64	21
Winsterlag	34	5	10	19	36	62	20

Top scorer: Vandenbergh (Anderlecht) 21.

FRANCE — FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nantes	38	24	10	4	77	29	58
Bordeaux	38	20	8	10	87	48	48
Paris SG	38	20	7	11	75	49	47
Lens	38	18	8	12	64	55	44
Level	38	15	14	9	42	41	44
Monaco	38	15	13	10	55	35	43
Nancy	38	17	7	14	74	81	41
Auxerre	38	12	14	12	58	48	38
Metz	38	13	11	14	68	87	37
Brest	38	11	15	12	53	63	37
Toulouse	38	15	8	17	52	88	36
Sochaux	38	9	17	12	52	53	35
Lille	38	13	8	17	38	45	34
St Etienne	38	11	12	15	41	52	34
Strasbourg	38	11	11	18	40	51	33
Rouen	38	11	10	17	45	54	32
Bastia	38	9	14	15	41	52	32
Tours	38	12	7	19	58	68	31
Lyon	38	11	8	21	57	77	28
Mulhouse	38	10	8	20	48	78	26

Champions one year— relegated the next

Report from Nadav Ya'acoby in Tel Aviv

WHEN Hapoel Kfar Saba surprised everyone a year ago and won the championship for the first time, they were loudly applauded despite the clear superiority of their main rivals, Maccaby Natanya who finished close second.

The 1982-83 season's final table however provides plenty of food for thought. Not because Natanya decidedly won the title but because Kfar Saba finished 16th and last, and find themselves in the second division next season.

This was the first time in Israel's 34 years of league football that the defending champions had been relegated twelve months later. Down with them went Hapoel Ramat Gan, (only 15 goals for), after only one season in the top flight, despite, or maybe, because of, their traditional expensive and buying-up of players including two top internationals — Rifat Turk and Nimrod Dreyfus, both formerly of Hapoel Tel Aviv.

The third team to go down were Hapoel Jerusalem and up from the second division come Beitar Tel Aviv, Hacoah-Maccabi Ramat Gan and Maccabi Ramat Amidar, another Ramat Gan club.

The battle against relegation was an exciting affair, thanks, mostly, to the new three-points-for-a-win system. With only 90 minutes before the end of the season nine teams had a chance of going down.

The most fascinating story was that of Maccabi Jaffa, who were last, five points behind the 13th "safe" place with only five rounds to go. They had gone 13 consecutive games without a win and their chances of survival, even after replacing their coach, seemed remote.

But then, they won away at Maccabi Natanya of all places, who needed only one point to make sure of the championship. Jaffa were led by 37-year-old Moshe "Mutzi" Leon, who had announced his retirement after 22 years in the first team the previous season. But "Mutzi" couldn't stand to see his beloved Maccabi going down and volunteered to try to save the sinking ship.

In those five remaining games Jaffa won three and drew two, and "Mutzi" Leon along with emergency-coach Eliezer Spiegel (father of the famous Giyora Spiegel) were crowned as "kings of Jaffa".

In the cup quarter-finals Hapoel Lod eliminated the favourites, Maccabi Natanya and when Maccabi Haifa also qualified the remaining two places were due to be decided in a "double-header" in the Bloomfield stadium, celebrating its new floodlights.

The prospects promised a night to remember, and indeed it was . . . but for the wrong reasons.

Some 23,000 people squeezed into the stadium with thousands more locked out. Maccabi Tel Aviv won the first game, beating Hapoel Be'er Sheva 2-1, although the southern team played better but made two terrible mistakes in defence.

The second game, between the skilful Hapoel Tel Aviv and Beitar Jerusalem was also a personal confrontation between two of Israel's most talented players, Uri Malmillian of Beitar and Moshe Sinai of Hapoel.

After a scoreless first-half Hapoel started to counter attack to good effect. A free kick was awarded in Hapoel's favour 20 metres diagonally to Beitar's goal. Sinai, a free-kick expert, struck in a thunderous shot and Yossi Mizrahi, Beitar's international goalkeeper, pushed the ball against the post. It was rolling over the line when Mizrahi caught it.

The referee said "goal". Beitar players and officals said "no goal" and the supporters went on the rampage. They flattened the fence separating them from the Hapoel fans and only quick police action prevented a riot.

Ten minutes later and Sinai, from exactly the same place made it 2-0, now with a curling shot which went like a bullet into the top corner.

After the game the Beitar fans lit fires on the terraces and attacked the police. Seven policemen and eight others were injured, but amazingly, no one was arrested!

The punishment imposed on Beitar was one of the most severe in Israel: Seven games to be played 50 kilometres away from Jerusalem behind closed doors (it was later changed to four games *with* crowd); Beitar won't participate in next season's cup competitions; they must also pay for all the damage caused.

It was estimated that the direct financial loss to the club will be around $250,000, and when one adds to this sum the $60,000 contract of Beitar's next coach, David Shweitzer, it's not surprising that people fear for the existence of the club.

Hapoel and Maccabi Tel Aviv won their semi-final ties in another "double-header", now in the Ramat Gan stadium in front of a 35,000 crowd. Hapoel Tel Aviv beat Hapoel Lod 3-0 after extra time and in a dramatic second game, Maccabi Tel Aviv beat Maccabi Haifa 4-3, also after extra time.

Hapoel Tel Aviv won the 'Derby' cup however, by 3-2. For Hapoel it was third-time lucky, as they were beaten in the two previous consecutive finals. Incidentally, for their coach, Zvi Rozen, it was a second successive cup triumph. Last year his former team Hapoel Yahud beat Hapoel Tel Aviv in the final.

Hapoel led 2-0 but were pulled back to 2-2 before winning with another controversial goal, Gil Landau, Hapoel's brilliant striker headed the ball into the net and simultaneously pushed Avi Cohen, Maccabi's sweeper. TV revealed later that in fact Landau *handled* the ball. Cohen and his team mates were furious at the referee, but the goal stood.

CROSS-SECTION (ISRAEL)

Hapoel Be'er Sheva 0
Hapoel Ramat Gan 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Tillinger.

Be'er Sheva: Zochovitzki — Ben Hamo, Illuz, Amar, Uzan (Ohana) — Davidi, Kadosh, Ben Sha'anan, Malka (Weizman) — Avitan, Tzvi. Coach: Shinhar.

Ramat Gan: Asiag — R. Levi, Lifshitz, Gilrovitz, Cahaner — Bonni, Barshatzki (Tzdaka), Bitener (Ossovski), Turk — Huri, Weixman. Coach: Ben Yehonaton.

Shimshon Tel Aviv 2 (U. Cohen 52, 56)
Beitar Jerusalem 1 (Azullai 5)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,500. **Ref:** Yossef

Shimshon: Balaish — Shoshana, E. Cohen, U. Cohen, Atia — Kaplan, Arbiv, Malka, Mizrahi (Duan) — Damti, Ben Shitrit. Coach: Shneor.

Beitar: Swisa — Biniamin (Hanka), Malmillian, N. Ta Shma, Ben Harosh — Nahmani, Azullai, Noiman (Ohana) — Mialli, A. Cohen, Sasson. Coach: Offer.

Maccabi Tel Aviv 0
Maccabi Yavne 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Moshe Ashkenazi

Tel Aviv: Marchuss — Halevi, Shimonov, Avi Cohen, Hanucha — A. Halevi, Katzav (Rozenberger), Ivannir, — Tabak, Amiga (Numdar), M. Shweitzer. Coach: D. Shweitzer.

Yavne: Lesner — Hadad, Salomon (Yeffet), Zeytuni, A. Cohen — Boaron, Agiv, Ya'acov — Eizenberg, Elkabatz, Halfon (Va'aknin). Coach: Kadosh.

LEAGUE top scorer Oded Mahness just foiled by Maccabi Tel-Aviv defender Avi Yerushalmi (right).

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A to Z of African clubs

N'kana Red Devils (Zambia)

This copper belt team won their first league title in 1982 under the guidance of "advisor" Geoff Butler. Despite having a young and relatively inexperienced side they remained unbeaten in the league all season to hold off a strong challenge from Power Dynamos.

Police Club of Dakar (Senegal)

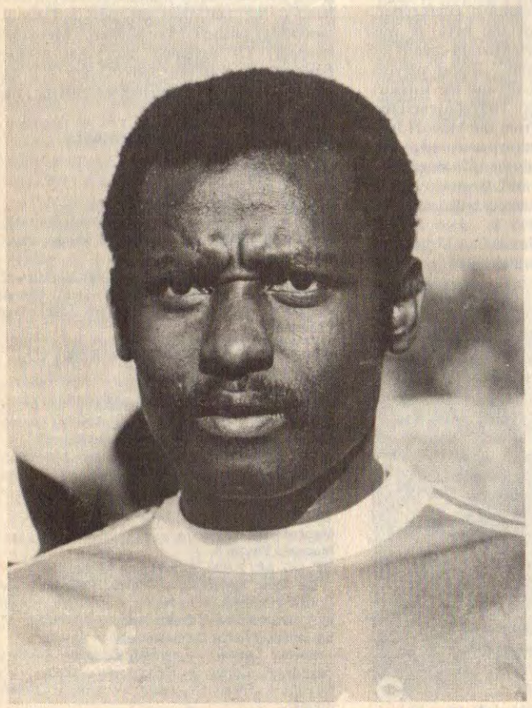
Police club have been one of the most successful Senegal teams of recent years, particularly in cup competitions. In 1979 they won both the league and the West African Cup and the following season they reached the Champions Cup quarter-finals, losing to Union Douala, but retained their West African Cup. In both 1982 and 1983 they represented Senegal in the African Cup Winners Cup.

Power Dynamos (Zambia)

Dynamos only reached the Zambia superleague in 1978 but the following season saw them win the title. Since then the team, from the city of Ndolo in the copper belt, have been particularly successful in cup competitions. Bill McGarry, former Wolverhampton manager, was the man responsible for guiding the club to its present success and has enjoyed the service to two of Zambia's most exciting forwards, Peter Kaumba and Alex Chola. In 1982 Dynamos were narrowly beaten in a close league championship while they reached the African Cup Winners Cup final only to lose to Arab Constructors.

Simba (Tanzania)

Simba remain by far the most popular team in Tanzania and their 1974 Champions Cup performance, which saw them reach the semi-finals, remains the best result by a Tanzanian team in this competition. Simba have also reached three East African Cup finals winning the first trophy, in 1974, but losing to Kampala City Council in 1978 and Gor in 1981. Between 1976 and 1980 they won five consecutive league titles while their present international players include midfield player Ramadhani and striker Mogella.



Lea N'Doumbe . . . Cameroon World Cup star from Union of Douala.

Shooting Stars (Nigeria)

Shooting Stars come from the Nigerian capital city of Lagos and the club were founded in 1963 with just 17 members. They made quick progress and won the Nigerian league title in 1971. Their first attempt at Continental football was brought to a quick end by Hearts. In 1976 they were impressive winners of the African Cup Winners Cup, beating Tonnerre de Yaounde of Cameroon 5-1 on aggregate in the final. In 1980 they got to the quarter-finals of the same competition but lost on penalties to T. P. Mazambe.

Stella (Ivory Coast)

Stella are one of the most successful sides in the tough Ivory Coast league and they won the title in both 1979 and 1981. They have also had some success in African competitions and took part in the first ever Cup Winners Cup final, losing 4-1 on aggregate to Tonnerre. In 1981 they won the West African Cup with Foneye emerging as one of their best players.

T.P. Mazambe (Zaire)

Formerly known as T.P. Englebert the team reached their peak in the late '60s when they played in four consecutive African Champions Cup Finals. They won the title in 1967 when Asante forfeited the tie while the following year they beat Shooting Stars of Togo in an exciting final that produced five goals in each leg. They returned to the final in both 1969 and 1970 but were beaten on both occasions. Of that successful team goalkeeper Mwamba, defender Pierre Kalalo and Tschimen Bwanga — African Footballer of the Year in 1973, are probably the best remembered. The team then moved to the capital city of Kinshasa where they took the name Tout-Puissant (all powerful) but generally the '70s were a less happy time for the club with Vita taking over as the number one Zaire team. In 1980 however a new side, lead by winger Mayanga, emerged to win the African Cup Winners Cup beating Africa Sport in the final.

Union Douala (Cameroon)

Cameroons second most popular club after Canon, Union have won both the two major African Cups making them one of Africa's most successful teams over the past five years. In 1979 they beat Hearts of Oak on penalties to win the champions cup and two years later they recovered from a goalless draw at home in the first leg of their Cup Winners Cup final to beat Stationary Stores 2-1 on aggregate. Ekoule scored both goals in the final to bring his total for the competition to 27, however he was not selected for the Cameroon World Cup team that went to Spain. Union did however have four men in that squad, defender N'Doumbe being by far the most experienced of them.

Vita (Zaire)

Vita come from Kinshasa and, during the '70s, they emerged as one of Africa's best sides providing the base of the Zaire team that won the African Nations Cup in 1974. Striker Mulamba is the player best remembered from this side but midfield player Kibonge Mafu and Ntumba Kulala were other Vita players who held a regular place in the national squad. Regular competitors in the Champions Cup during the '70s Vita won the trophy in 1973 when they recovered from a 2-4 defeat in Ghana to beat Asante 7-4 on aggregate. In 1981 they reached a second final with a team that included an excellent goalkeeper in Tubilandu and international striker Ngoma but on this occasion they were beaten by Tizi of Algeria. At home they lost their league title to Lupopo but qualified for the Cup Winners Cup in which they reached the quarter-finals.

Young Africans (Tanzania)

Young Africans enjoyed their best spell between 1969 and 1974 when they won the title six years without a break. A split in the club then caused several officials and players to leave and form Pan Africa and it was 1981 before Young Africans were once again able to take the league title. At the height of their power the club twice reached the Champions Cup quarter-finals and in 1975 they won the East African Championship. Outstanding star of the present team is Omari Hussein while other international players include midfield player Charles Boniface and defender Athumani Chama.

Zamalek (Egypt)

Zamalek are generally considered to be the second best side in Egypt behind El Ahly although Arab Constructors fans would perhaps contest that statement. Zamalek have won five league titles the most recent coming in 1978. The following year they reached the quarter-finals of the Champions Cup, a position they also achieved in the 1978 Cup Winners Cup.

from James Mwambazi

Cameroon on course for Finals

CAMEROON and Algeria, whose exploits in the last World Cup cheered all Africa, are on course to reach the African Nations' finals next year.

After tumbling 3-0 away to Mozambique in their first round, first leg tie, Cameroon, playing in front of a 120,000 home crowd, ran riot in Yaounde to beat Mozambique 4-0, going through to the second round 4-3 on aggregate.

Algeria who had chalked up a 6-2 victory at home against Benin, were held 1-1 in Cotonou. Damen put Benin in front with a 28th-minute goal but five minutes into the second half, Madjer equalised, giving Algeria a 7-2 aggregate for the second round place.

Cameroon who had been in serious trouble after their 3-0 defeat in Maputo recalled their exiled goalkeeper Thomas N'kono from Spain for reinforcement, for the return. They led only 1-0 at the interval thanks to a sixth-minute penalty by Ebongue. But all hell broke loose when Cameroon pulled all stops to clinch victory with goals from Abega, Ebongue again and Djonkep.

It should be remembered that both Cameroon and Algeria failed to live up to expectations in the last African Nations' finals in Libya. Cameroon went out in the first rounds, while Algeria were beaten 2-0 by Zambia for third place.

Given the draw for the second round ties, both Cameroon and Algeria are certain of qualifying for the finals again. Cameroon have been drawn against Sudan, victors over Zambia, and Algeria have been matched against Senegal, conquerors of Libya.

The defeats of Libya, hosts of the last African Nations Cup, and Zambia were the biggest shocks of the first round. For Zambia, who finished third in the last tournament, the defeat was a bitter pill to swallow. They needed only one goal to take them to the next round on the away rule, having lost 1-2 to Sudan in Khartoum. But alas, Alex Chola of Power Dynamos, the man who had never missed a penalty, failed to convert one in the 53rd minute; and Zambia were eliminated on a 2-1 aggregate — a disappointment for national manager, Bill McGarry.

One other surprising defeat was that of Uganda. They lost 1-0 to Madagascar in Antanarivo, then failed to use home advantage in the return leg in Kampala, going down 2-1.

Morocco, once Africa's giants, are at last hitting form. They qualified for the second round despite losing 2-0 to Mali in the second leg. Having won 4-0 two weeks previously at home, the Moroccans went through 4-2 on aggregate. In the return leg, Mali scored through Alou Bagayoko in the 63rd minute and Cheik Diallo added the second nine minutes later from the penalty spot.

The Green Eagles of Nigeria — just managed to scrape through against Angola but they will need to work extra hard if they hope to travel to Abidjan for the finals. They have a difficult hurdle against winners of the Morocco-Madagascar v Malawi tie.

Ernst Lettin Ebongue . . . scored from a penalty.

Tunisia completed a 6-0 aggregate thrashing of Rwanda by winning the away leg 1-0. Ethiopia beat Mauritius 2-1 on penalties when the two could not break the 1-1 aggregate impasse; Togo, the tournament's underdogs, thrashed Guinea 3-0 on aggregate to go through.

Egypt, despite their exploits in last year's African club tournaments, were lucky to qualify for the second round, thanks to the 3-1 penalties success against Congo. The teams had drawn 2-2 on aggregate.

The second round winners join holders, Ghana, and hosts, Ivory Coast in the finals. The notable feature is that the second round draw includes past cup winners Egypt (1957, 1959), Ethiopia (1961), Sudan (1970), Morocco (1976) and Nigeria (1980).

It is also interesting to note that the race for the finals has remained exclusively for teams in North and West Africa. Apart from Malawi, who may not make it to the finals, teams in the East and Southern Africa have either been eliminated or withdrew.

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP

First Round: Cameroon 4 Mozambique 3 (0-3, 4-0); Angola 1 Nigeria 2 (0-2, 1-0); Mali 2 Morocco 4 (0-4, 2-0); Senegal 2 Libya 2 (1-2, 1-0), Senegal on away goals; Benin 3 Algeria 7 (2-6, 1-1); Togo 3 Guinea 0 (1-0, 2-0); Mauritius 1 Ethiopia 1 (0-1, 1-0), Ethiopia 2-1 on pens; Uganda 1 Madagascar 3 (0-1, 1-2); Rwanda 0 Tunisia 6 (0-5, 0-1); Egypt 2 Congo 2 (0-2, 2-0), Egypt 3-1 on pens; Zambia 1 Sudan 2 (1-2, 0-0).

Second Round draw: Cameroon v Sudan, Senegal v Algeria, Egypt v Tunisia, Nigeria v Morocco, Madagascar v Malawi.

Winners join holders Ghana and hosts Ivory Coast in 1984 finals. First leg to be played between August 12-14 with the return fixtures two weeks later.

ALGERIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JET	28	17	6	5	38	19	68
EP Sétif	28	13	10	5	37	17	64
Bel-Abbès	28	8	13	7	19	21	57
MP Alger	28	9	10	9	30	22	56
USMH	28	9	10	9	24	22	56
Coilo	28	7	13	8	21	24	55
MAHD	28	10	8	10	30	28	54
AS Coran	28	7	13	8	25	24	54
Mascara	28	10	6	12	26	30	54
Boularik	28	10	6	12	29	35	54
RS Koula	28	9	7	12	35	33	53
MP Oran	28	7	12	9	26	26	53
USK Alger	28	8	9	11	20	29	53
SMAB	28	9	7	12	23	31	53
Guelma	28	8	9	11	25	37	53

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bohemians	27	16	8	5	62	29	38
Ostrava	27	15	7	5	43	25	37
Sparta	27	14	7	6	47	30	35
Inter	27	10	10	7	31	21	30
Dukla	27	9	10	8	41	32	28
Slavia	27	10	8	9	49	48	28
Zilina	27	11	5	11	39	37	27
Vitkovice	27	11	5	11	36	36	27
Trnava	27	11	5	11	27	36	27
Kosice	27	10	5	12	36	46	25
Cheb	27	7	10	10	38	36	24
Slovan	27	7	9	11	31	46	23
Presov	27	8	7	12	39	51	23
Nitra	27	9	4	14	37	58	22
Porno	27	8	6	13	38	45	22
Olomouc	27	5	6	16	29	47	16

DENMARK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyngby	12	9	2	1	30	11	20
Brondby	12	6	3	4	22	12	14
Odense	12	6	2	4	17	14	14
Ikast	12	5	4	3	15	14	14
Hvidovre Cop	12	5	4	3	13	14	14
Aarhus	12	6	1	5	26	19	13
Esbjerg	12	4	5	3	13	14	13
Koege	12	4	4	4	10	11	12
Bronshohj	12	4	4	4	12	16	12
Frem Cop	12	3	5	4	13	14	11
Vejle	12	5	1	6	16	18	11
B 93 Cop	12	4	3	5	10	15	11
Naestved	12	3	4	5	15	18	10
Kolding	12	3	3	6	11	14	9
Hrning	12	3	3	6	9	15	9
B 1903 Cop	12	0	5	7	5	18	5

BETTEGA SIGNS

IN a room overlooking Lake Ontario and with the skyline of Toronto in the background, Roberto Bettega, sitting between coach Bob Houghton and president Clive Toye, put pen to paper and the long projected move of one of Italy's finest players from Juventus to the Toronto Blizzard had become reality.

After 14 seasons with Juventus, one with Varese and 43 internationals for Italy, Bettega flew into Toronto shortly after playing for Juventus in the European Cup Final against Hamburg and the day after signing a three-year contract said to be worth in the region of one million dollars, was in a Blizzard uniform playing in an exhibition game against Nottingham Forest.

Bettega says he has come to North American not only to help the Blizzard but also to learn some of the techniques North American sport uses in selling sport as an entertainment.

He leaves no doubt that after his term with Toronto he intends to move into management, probably with Juventus and put what he has learned of North American marketing to use.

In signing Bettega one of Bob Houghton's problems is knowing where to fit him into the line-up of a team that already has the second best record in the North American Soccer League, and against Forest he played the first half in midfield and the second as a striker, where he looked more comfortable.

The blizzard won the game 2-1 on goals from Victor Kodelja and Geoff Wegerle with Bettega having a hand in the second and winning goal. But the player who stood out on this night was not Bettega but Canadian midfielder Randy Ragan who even had Bettega applauding his moves at one time.

It was the second of a two game trip to Canada for Forest who had beaten the Montreal Manic 4-3 in overtime two days previously while Toronto had just returned from a three game road trip during which they had beaten Tampa Bay 3-0, the San Diego Sockers by the same score and the Chicago Sting 3-2 in overtime.

However, despite Toronto's record of six wins against two defeats they are still having trouble attracting fans to Exhibition Stadium and only 7,143 showed up for the game against Notts Forest as compared to 34,187 when the teams met in 1980. Part of the problem this evening was that the game was shown live on television, but with Bettega in the line up it was not expected to affect the attendance as much as it did.

Houghton was delighted with the play of Ragan saying "It's the fourth game in a row that Randy has been outstanding," and also with 19-year-old centre-back Trevor McCallum who made his first team debut and "looked like a regular". In fact the Blizzard used seven Canadian players in this game including 18-year-old Colin Miller and 19-year-old Paul James.

The other two Canadian NASL teams are also doing well particularly the Vancouver Whitecaps who have now won six games against one loss while Montreal with a new coach in Andy Lynch replacing Eddie Firmani have won three games against four defeats.

Meanwhile the New York Cosmos have returned to their winning ways despite continuing player problems. After losing two of their first three games the Cosmos now have a record of six wins as against two defeats in the league and have opened the annual Trans-Atlantic Cup competition with a 4-1 win over Fiorentina.

The long suspected personality problems in this team of stars surfaced against Fiorentina as defender Wim Rijsbergen walked off the field during the game following an argument with team-mate Roberto Cabanas. Rijsbergen was subsequently fined a "substantial amount" by the club for his action.

While at this time New York, Toronto and Vancouver appear to be the class of this year's NASL the Chicago Sting (starting late as a result of their participation in the Major Indoor Soccer League this winter) Soccer Bowl winners in 1981 are showing signs of resurgence after a poor season last year.

The Florida clubs Tampa Bay and Fort Lauderdale are struggling with the Strikers having just signed Ricardo Villa from Tottenham Hotspur.

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IT has been said that in Canada there are thousands of soccer fans, but very few soccer supporters. It is early days yet, but this rule looks like holding true as attendances at the first games in the newly formed Canadian Professional Soccer League are well below what had been hoped for.

John Bailey, the commissioner of the new league speaking at a reception before the first game between the Toronto Nationals and Inter-Montreal called it "an historical occasion" saying that at last Canada had its own professional league.

The opening game on the green, green grass of Toronto's Varsity Stadium lived up to the league pledge to play attractive attacking soccer, but only approximately 1,500 fans were on hand to see Toronto win 2-1.

Colin Franks, who at one time played for Watford and Sheffield United, and more recently captained the Toronto Blizzard with some distinction, scored the leagues first goal heading in a free-kick from Tony Currie to give the Nationals the lead.

One day later in Hamilton approximately 2,000 fans paid to see the Steelers and Edmonton Eagles play a dull 1-1 draw, while the day after that Mississauga Croatia and the Calgary Mustangs played to a 1-1 draw before about 2,500.

But Hamilton's second game was a near disaster as heavy rain just before the kick off reduced the crowd to the region of 200, and they saw the Steelers win 2-1 against a Calgary team that hit the woodwork three times.

The object of the league is to provide young Canadian players with something to aim for and also to aid in the development of the Canadian player. To that end the teams are restricted to five imports whose task is to aid in the development as well as to play.

It was also the intention that all clubs should play on natural grass and be free of ethnic association. However, to get the league operating in 1983 it became necessary to allow Hamilton to play on artificial turf (all the other clubs are playing on grass) and to admit Mississauga Croatia in to the league. Mississauga although a separate city is really a western extension of Toronto.

Some of the better known players currently playing in the league are former England international Tony Currie who is fighting his way back to fitness after a long lay off through injury, centre-back Hans Gunther Neues from Kaiserslautern, both with Toronto Nationals, Carlos Salguero at one time with Boca Juniors and now with Hamilton, Raddy Avramovic the Yugoslav goalkeeper recently with Notts County who is playing for Inter-Montreal and Manfred Muller the former Bayern Munich goalkeeper who has signed for Calgary.

Dutch international goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers who was to become player-coach of the Edmonton Eagles has returned to Holland along with two players following a dispute over payments.

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Hapoel Yahud 3 (Balahsan 53, 88, 90)
Hapoel Kfar Saba 1 (Simon 38)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** O. Ben Yitzhak.

Yahud: A. Haviv — Shabat, Vizan, Shaul, Mizrahi — Franco, Hazum (Drori), Balahsan — Dugash (Rokban), Ajubell, Linerman. Coach: Karaco.

Kfor Saba: Shwartz — Einstein, Hajaj, Simon, Hillel — Shum, Yanni, Revivo — Meimoni (Yaffe), Fogel, Menachem. Coach: Kashtan.

Sent off: Hillel (84), Hajaj (85).

Maccabi Petah Tikva 0
Maccabi Jaffa 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2.500. **Ref:** Y. Ben Yitzhak.

Petah Tikva: Fabian — Saliman, Barda, Luria, Swisa — I. Cohen, N. Cohen, Beglaibter, P. Chone — Peled, Davidson. Coach: Zeltzer.

Jaffa: Kabillio — Cohen Tzedek, Leon, Zilberstein, Daniel — Sasson, Alcollombra, Gaon — Goldenberg (Tzemach), Shechter, Chifrutt. Coach: E. Spriegel.

Maccabi Haifa 3 (Amsalem 40, 84, Held 57)
Bnei Yehuda Tel Aviv 3 (Hillel 8, Razental 24, Ben Tovim 63)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 2.500. **Ref:** Orgad.

Haifa: Ran — Ahoroni, Osmo, E. Cohen, Shiri — Abukarat, Amsalem, E. Levi (Kaplan) — Held, Rozental (Mizrahi), Selecter. Coach: Hardi.

Bnei Yehuda: Livni — Silko, Luzon, Rozental, Luski — Mor (Allu), Salman. Chammah — Ben Tovim, Hillel, Onanna (R. Levi). Coach: Sharf.

Hapoel Lod 1 (Zanna 8, og)
Hapoel Tel Aviv 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Frost.

Lod: Ya Benodis — Yi Benodis, Adiv, Yadid, Sasson — Katashvill, Ben Mamas, Na'aman — Buzaglo (U. Benodis), Smadja, Haviv (Sitbon). Coach: Grundman.

Tel Aviv: Bejerano — Pizanti (Nahmias), Ekhoiz, Zanna, Harama — Yahbes (E. Cohen), Arie, Zhanno, Shmuel — Remler, Landau. Coach: Rozen.

Hapoel Jerusalem 1 (Ta Shma 67)
Maccabi Natanya 1 (Gariani 72)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Tzvi

Jerusalem: Weizman — Y. Ta Shma, Shapira, Ottman, Marilli — Allawa, Hadad (Boker), Dayan, Shtiker — E. Cohen, Bason. Coach: Singal.

Natanya: Alter — G. Mahness, Bar, Hassan, Pizanti — Yonna, Mesika (O. Mahness), Etzioni, Halfon — Gariani, S. Shirazi. Coach: Spiegler.

European Championship progress

EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW FOR MAY

MAY 11

Tirana — Euro champ gp 6
Albania 1 (Rashit og 73)
Turkey 1 (Metin 34)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Salomir (Rum)

Albania: Musta — P. Ruci, Hametaj, Targaj, Omuri, Lame, Vukatana, Ballgjini (Bimo), Ragami, Muce (Xhaho), Marko.

Turkey: Adem — Erdogan, Fatih, Jusuf, Alpaslan, Rashit, Ismail (Iskender), Hysein, Metin (Eren), Hasan, Selcuk.

A draw which left the two no-hopers in group six in exactly the same position — Romania bottom of the table and Turkey one place up. The Turks fancied their chances of their first away win in three and a half years when rising star Metin put them ahead 11 minutes before half-time. But before an encouraging 30,000 crowd — which included Austria's 'spy' Georg Schmidt — the Albanians battled hard in the second half and deserved their equaliser . . . even if they owed it to an own goal.

MAY 14

Berne — Euro champ gp 1
Switzerland 0
East Germany 0
Att: 32,000. **Ref:** Ericsson (Swe)

Switzerland: Berbig — Egli, Wehrli, Rietmann, In-Albon — Heinz Hermann, Favre, Decastel — Elsener (Brigger 57), Sulser, Braschler.

East Germany: Rudwaleit — Kreer, Schnuphase, Stahmann, Baum — Troppa, Liebers (Heun 73), Steinbach (Pilz 61) — Bielau, Streich, Minge.

Switzerland's already slim hopes of overtaking Belgium at the top and winning that qualifying place in France were reduced even further by their failure to beat the East Germans. The Swiss attacked most of the time but it was typical of their display that the best players were defenders Roger Wehrli — in the unusual role of sweeper — and new stopper Beat Rietmann, a 21-year-old from St Gallen. In attack only Manfred Braschler ever gave the East Germans serious problems although twice Lucien Favre was only inches off target with headers.

The introduction of league top scorer Jean-Paul Brigger made little difference either in a game which was at one stage in doubt because of the 'Jura libre' political protest slogan burnt into the turf overnight by acid.

MAY 15

Budapest — Euro champ gp 3
Hungary 2 (Nyilasi 25, Hajszan 89)
Greece 3 (Anastopoulos 16, Kostikos 33, Papaioannu 52)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 12,500. **Ref:** Sostaric (Yug)

Hungary: Zsiboras — Kardos, Kocsis, Varga — Martos (Jancsika 43), Ebedli, Garaba, Poczik — Bodonyi (Szokilai 46), Nyilasi, Hajszan.

Greece: Sarganis — Skartados (Manolas 75), Mihos, Galitsios, Vamvakulos — Kousoulakis (Ardizoglu 67), Alavantas, Papaioannu, Kostikos — Anastopoulos, Mitropoulos.

A shock win for the Greeks virtually ended Hungary's European aspirations and gave Denmark the green light to step forward as main challengers to England for a place in France. The Hungarians' last home defeat had been 2-1 against Peru more than a year earlier and they expected few problems from a Greece who are notoriously poor travellers. However the Greeks had found new confidence after their goalless draw at Wembley and they were always the more impressive once Anastopoulas put them ahead after a one-two with Alavantas. The latter brilliantly set up a further goal for Kostikos to wipe out an equalising effort from Tibor Nyilasi. Early in the second half Olympiakos' strikers Anastopoulos and Mitropoulos provided Papaioannu with the chance to strike a fine third goal, and that was that. In the final minute Poczik sent Hajszan through to score a second for Hungary, but the match had barely restarted before referee Sostaric blew the final whistle. Hungarian manager Kalman Meszoly said: "I never thought we could play so badly."

Malmo — Euro champ gp 5 (May 15)
Sweden 5 (Prytz 52, 75, Corneliusson 57, Hysen 60, A. Ravelli 71)
Cyprus 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 19,801. **Ref:** Smaalander (Fin)

Sweden: T. Ravelli — Erlandsson (A. Ravelli 32), Hysen, Dahlqvist, Fredriksson — Prytz, Ramberg, Eriksson — Sandberg (Nilsson 75), Corneliusson, Holmgren.

Cyprus: Pamboris — Miamiliotis, Nicos Pantzarias (Andreu 72), Erotokritou, Khezou — Kyriakos Pantzarias, Dimitrou, Yiangoudakis — Tsierkezou, Savvides, Theophanou.

Cyprus had taken points off both Czechoslovakia and Italy in their previous games. But although they reached half-time in Malmo with their goal intact, they were quickly destroyed by a spell of three goals in eight minutes early in the second half. Rangers' midfielder Robert Prytz opened the floodgates with a 25-yard drive and the much-coveted Dan Corneliusson squeezed in the second five minutes later. With Cyprus reeling Glen Hysen surged forward to add a third and in the 71st minute substitute defender Andreas Ravelli headed a fourth. Another spectacular long-range effort from Prytz wrapped up the scoring in the 75th minute. Cyprus manager Vasil Spassov later made this surprising prediction: "I believe Sweden will win this group. They are certainly stronger than both Italy and Czechoslovakia."

Bucharest — Euro champ gp 5 (May 15)
Romania 0
Czechoslovakia 1 (Vizek 40 pen)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel)

Romania: Lung — Rednic, Stefanescu, Iorgulescu, Ungureanu — Augustin, Boloni, Klein, Balaci — Gabor (Geolgau 46), Camataru (Andone 61).

Czechoslovakia: Hruska — Jakubec, Jurkemik, Prokes, Fiala — Zelensky, Bicovsky, Janecka — Chaloupka, Vizek, Levy (Stambachr 46).

Czechoslovakia increased their chance of qualifying, threw a spanner in the Romanian works, and left Italy still dreaming thanks to this surprise victory. Romania dominated for much of the game, and won 10 corners against four for the Czechs. But they just couldn't break down a defence expertly marshalled by Fiala and the experienced Jurkemik. The decisive goal came from a Vizek penalty after Stefanescu had tripped Jancka. The Romanians claimed in vain that the Czech forward had been offside. In the second half the Czechs, in a breakaway, could have increased the lead but for good stops by Lung from Chaloupka (55 mins) and Janecka (65).

Valletta — Euro champ gp 7 (May 15)
Malta 2 (Busuttil 30 and 47)
Spain 3 (Senor 23, Carrasco 60, Gordillo 85)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Giankoudakis (Gr)

Malta: Bonello — Em. Farrugia, Schembri, Buttigieg, Ed. Farrugia, Busuttil, Fabri, Salerno, Degiorgio, Demanuele, Gonzi.

Spain: Arconada — Bonet (Goicoechea 58), Maceda, Camacho, Senor, Victor, Gallego, Gordillo, Marcos (Rincon 46), Santillana, Carrasco.

Group leaders Spain were left feeling even more annoyed with UEFA after they struggled to put together this victory. Spain had protested vigorously when Holland were allowed to 'buy' a convenient venue for the Malta-Holland game earlier, while the Maltese were under a home ground ban. The Dutch then profited to the tune of six goals from a Maltese 'home' game played in Aachen. Spain protested that they should either be given the same right, or that the Malta-Holland game should then be declared invalid. All they got was a rejection slip. Spanish football is generally suspicious of UEFA, but in this case they seem to have a point — particularly when they found that the new Ta'Qali pitch isn't much of an improvement on previous Maltese grounds. Spanish skipper Luis Arconada thus wore tracksuit trousers for protection during a game which saw him equal Jose Angel Iribar's caps record for Spain: 49. Spain went ahead as expected in the 23rd minute when Senor scored direct from a free kick after a foul on Carrasco. Yet Malta quickly hit back: Busuttil shot from 25 yards and the ball bounced unevenly in front of Arconada before veering away into the net. Spain one, the pitch one! That goal galvanised the Maltese fans who had even more to shout about in the 49th minute when Arconada pawed at a centre from Demanuele and Busuttil rapped in the loose ball. Arconada's confidence in dealing with crosses doesn't seem to have recovered from his disastrous World Cup. Spain's frustration at being behind was expressed in the clashes between defender Bonet and Maltese striker Spiteri-Gonzi. The Maltese player was particularly dear to the fans, who had stood in silence with the teams before the start as a tribute to his brother, who had just died. At any rate the fans howled in anger when Gonzi was flattened by Bonet's elbow almost on half-time, and it was as much for his own protection that the Spanish hard man was substituted in the 58th minute after being booked for a foul. Two minutes later Spain were level. Again Senor was involved, this time laying on the pass which Carrasco struck home. Now the brave Maltese began to tire. But there were only five minutes remaining when Carrasco centred, Santillana dummied over the ball, and Rafael Gordillo struck a hard-earned winner.

MAY 17

Vienna — Friendly
Austria 2 (Gasselich 29, Pezzey 89)
Soviet Union 2 (Rodionov 36, Blokhin 61)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Nyffenegger (Swz)

Austria: Koncilia — Krauss, Obermayer, Pezzey, Degiorgi (Lainer 46) — Reinhard Kienast (Pichler 56), Weber, Gasselich (Baumeister 65) — Schachner, Krankl, Jurtin (Keglevits 70).

Soviet Union: Dassayev — Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Baltacha, Borovsky — Chetenkov (Andreyev 65) — Bessonov (Bal 56), Oganessian, Demianenko — Rodionov, Blokhin.

Before only 15,000 fans both teams put on a lively performance which left Austrians wondering why their men could put so much into a friendly when they spent so much of the World Cup last summer at half-pace. Clearly they missed Roma's Herbert Prohaska in midfield, for no one could ever provide the guile to help Schachner and Krankl up front escape from their markers. Oleg Blokhin was once again in good form for the Soviets, reawakening rumours of a transfer to Rapid Vienna. But just when the Soviets were on the point of celebrating a morale-boosting victory before their European championship visit to Poland, so Bruno Pezzey moved forward to grab a later equaliser.

MAY 22

Chorzow — Euro champ gp 2
Poland 1 (Boniek 20)
Soviet Union 1 (Wojcicki og 63)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 75,000. **Ref:** Agnolin (It)

Poland: Mlynarczyk — Majewski, Janas, Wojcicki, Jalocha — Kensy, Kupcewicz (Iwan 75), Wijas, Buncol — Boniek, Smolarek (Dziekanowski 81).

Soviet Union: Dassayev — Bessonov, Chivadze, Baltacha, Demianenko — Borovsky, Sulakveldize, Cherenkov, Larionov, Oganesian (Bal 86) — Blokhin (Andreyev 75).

The Soviets extended their chances of qualifying with this draw, though they owed it to an own goal. As usual, the Soviets had to cope with a chorus of whistles and jeers from the Polish fans throughout the game and it is just possible that all the added implications of any sporting meeting between these nations placed too much pressure on the Polish players. Even the inclusion of Zbigniew Boniek was not, for once, such an inspiration although he did score the opening goal — brilliantly heading in a Jalocha cross after a raid begun by Wojcicki and Kensy. Boniek was originally excluded from the Polish squad at the request of Juventus because of the Champions' Cup final the following Wednesday. The Polish media and public opinion were so incensed and made such a fuss, that the federation changed their mind. After his goal, however, Boniek had little effect on a game in which the Soviets slowly gained control thanks to

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their net of five midfielders. Just before half-time Bessonov hit the Polish bar as a warning of what was to come. After the break Poland might have increased their lead, but Dassayev saved well from Kensy, and the Soviets equalised in the 63rd minute when Wojcicki unluckily diverted a cross-shot from Demianenko into his own goal. In the closing minutes the defender made a valiant effort to make amends — but his header to Boniek's free kick flew just over the top.

MAY 24

Hampden — British champ
Scotland 0
Northern Ireland 0
Att: 16,328. **Ref:** Hackett (Eng)

Scotland: Thomson — Dawson, Gough, Simpson (Strachan), Hegarty, Narey, Wark, Bannon, A. Gray, Burns, Nicholas.

Northern Ireland: Jennings — J. Nicholl, Donaghy, J. O'Neill (C. Nicholl), McClelland, M. O'Neill, Mullan, McIlroy, Armstrong, Hamilton, Stewart.

Injuries and club calls meant Scotland fielded a young, experimental team who had not, between them, won as many as the 97 caps of Irish goalkeeper Pat Jennings. The goalkeeper made two early saves from Bannon and Burns and was involved in controversy just before half-time when his dive for the ball brought down Nicholas. Referee Hackett waved away penalty appeals. The Scots also applied most of the second-half pressure. Burns and Wark wasted half-chances and Jennings saved well again from Strachan but not even the Aberdeen man's late arrival in the game could sort out the deadlock.

MAY 28

Cardiff — British Champ
Wales 0
Scotland 2 (A. Gray 10, Brazil 67)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Moffatt (NI)

Wales: Southall — Jones, Slatter, Nicholas, Price, Ratcliffe, Davies, Flynn (Lowndes), Charles, Thomas, Jackett.

Scotland: Leighton — Gough, F. Gray, Narey, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Souness, A. Gray, Brazil, Bannon.

Wales were always second-best in a game which saw Scotland, though having made seven changes, run midfield from start to finish. Scotland went ahead in the tenth minute when Strachan swept over a corner and McLeish's goal-bound header was turned over the line by Andy Gray. For this game Scotland manager Jock Stein had rested the much-vaunted, much-pressured Charlie Nicholas, but that didn't seem to affect his strike force. In the 67th minute Tottenham's Alan Brazil scored his first goal in 12 games for his country. Souness sent Gough racing through from defence and when Neville Southall could get only a finger to his flick-shot, Brazil snapped up the chance.

Belfast — British champ (May 28)
N. Ireland 0
England 0
Att: 22,000. **Ref:** King (Wa)

N. Ireland: Jennings — J. Nicholl, Donaghy, C. Nicholl, McClelland, M. O'Neill, Mullan (Brotherston), McIlroy, Armstrong, Hamilton, Stewart.

England: Shilton — Neal, Sansom, Hoddle, Roberts, Butcher, Mabbutt, Francis, Blissett (Barnes), Cowans, Withe.

England manager Bobby Robson brought Glenn Hoddle back into the midfield for this game but for much of the time England were second best. In the first half only fine saves by Shilton from the dangerous Ian Stewart and a near own goal by newcomer Graham Roberts kept England in the game. The Irish faded later on and in the dying seconds of the game Pat Jennings had to use his feet to save from substitute John Barnes. Irish manager Billy Bingham said: "Young Stewart was tremendous. He showed England what can be achieved by attacking defenders and taking on responsibility."

MAY 29

Reykjavik — Euro champ gp 7
Iceland 0
Spain 1 (Maceda 9)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Bridges (Wa)

Iceland: Bjarnasson — Halldorsson, Larusson, Gudlaugsson, Bjernsson, Mergeirsson, Jonsson, Gudjohnsen, Gislasson (Sveinsson 49), Gudmundsson, Petursson (Torfasson 46).

Spain: Arconada — Senor, Maceda, Goicoechea, Camacho — Victor, Gallego, Gordillo — Carrasco, Santillana (Sarabia 89), Rincon.

Luis Arconada, setting a Spanish record for his 50th international, had the luck to win the toss and sent his team to play the first half with the wind behind them. Spain duly surged forward and went ahead in the ninth minute when Senor burst down the left and opened up the way for Maceda to strike a low shot into the corner of the net. Rincon might have made it 2-0 in the 14th minute, but his header from Santillana's cross scraped the wrong side of the post. Carrasco and Senor in the first half and Gordillo (twice) in the second might have increased the lead, but that one goal proved sufficient.

Gothenburg — Euro champ gp 5 (May 29)
Sweden 2 (Sandberg 31, Stromberg 56)
Italy 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Eschweiler (WG)

Sweden: T. Ravelli — Erlandsson, Hysen, Dahlqvist, Fredriksson — Prytz (Ramberg 82), Stromberg, Eriksson — Sandberg (Nilsson 86), Corneliusson, Holmgren.

Italy: Zoff — Gentile, Cabrini, Oriali, Collovati, Sciria, Conti, Tardelli, Rossi, Antognoni (Dossena 46), Graziani (Altobelli 61).

This game should have been played the previous Thursday, but was moved back (reluctantly by the Swedes) at the request of Italy because of Juventus' involvement in the Champions' Cup final on the Wednesday. As it happened, Juve's hangover was bad enough to stretch on to Gothenburg. Manager Enzo Bearzot again put his faith in the Madrid World Cup-winners and, not for the first time, upset Antognoni by substituting him at half-time. But he had made little impression on a midfield where control was exercised by the powerful Stromberg and the terrier-like Prytz. The Swedes fulfilled all the promise of their recent results and had it not been for the stability and class of Dino Zoff — the one man, fortunately, to have got over Athens — then Italy might have been swept away. Rossi complained later that he had had one 'goal' and a penalty claim refused to referee Eschweiler. But Italy didn't deserve to escape with a point.

MAY 31

Belfast — British champ
Northern Ireland 0
Wales 1 (Davies 64)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Alexander (Scot)

N. Ireland: Jennings — J. Nicholl, Donaghy, C. Nicholl, McClelland, Armstrong, Brotherston, McIlroy, Hamilton, Mullan, Stewart.

Wales: Southall — Hopkins, J. Jones, Nicholas, Price (Giles 72), Ratcliffe, G. Davies, Flynn, Charles, Thomas, A. Davies.

Gordon Davies scored his first goal for Wales to end Northern Ireland's four-year unbeaten home run. Davies's goal was his first for Wales in eight games spread over four years and punished the Irish for overcommitting themselves in a 20-minute bombardment of the Welsh goal. Goalkeeper Southall cleared upfield, Chris Nicholl miskicked an attempted clearance and Davies ran through to lob Jennings — playing his 99th international, just a few days short of his 38th birthday. The closest the Irish came was in the fifth minute when Armstrong shot against a post.

Luxembourg — Lux federation 75th anniversary match (May 31)
France 1 (Six 10)
Belgium 1 (Voordeckers 11)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 7,500. **Ref:** Rolles (Lux)

France: Tempet — Thouvenel, Le Roux, Battiston, Amoros — Lemoult, Fernandez, Genghini (Vercruysse 86), Toure — Soler (Stopyra 64), Six (Zenier 64).

Belgium: Munaron — Gerets, L. Millecamps, Meeuws, De Wolf — Coeck, Vercauteren, Vandersmissen — F. Van der Elst, Van der Linden (Clijsters 60), Voordeckers.

France had the better of the first half, Belgium the better of the second. It all added up to a respectable draw, even though players at the end of a long hard season were not always in the best of temper. The Luxembourg public, turning out in comparative force for the first of two anniversary games, cheered both teams. France were always the more skilled and their newer players, such as Le Roux in defence and Toure in midfield, were among those keen to use this opportunity to claim a regular place. Certainly the French have a great deal of talent in reserve and no one can rest on his laurels. The Belgians had other things on their mind, however. Gerets is bound for Milan, maybe Coeck as well, and the other Anderlecht players had just come down with a championship-failing bump from their UEFA Cup-winning high. France went ahead in the tenth minute, with a move begun and ended by skipper Didier Six. One more minute, however, and Belgium had equalised with Voordeckers shooting in after Fernandez had failed to head a Vercauteren corner far enough, or high enough, away.

OTHER MATCHES

May 4 (Algiers): Algeria U21 0 Portugal U21 0; (Sofia): Bulgaria Olympic 5 (Vilchev 14, Spassov 18, Gospodinov 37, 75, Pashev 57) Cuba 2 (Maya 61, Gonzales 88).

May 8 (Bucharest): Dinamo Bucharest 3 (Multescu 34, Nicolae 41, Dragnea 79) Romania U21 1 (Radu 80).

May 9 (Interlaken): Switzerland 3 (Braschler 11, 27, Rietmann 60) Switzerland U21 3 (Jeitziner 30, Kundert 46, Schällibaum 67).

May 10 (Budapest): Hungary 2 (Nyilasi, Szokolai) Tatabanya 0; (Baia Mare): FC Baia Mare 2 (Sabau 12, Tulba 28) Romania Olympic 1 (Nica 70).

May 11 (Wraza, Bulg): Botev Wraza 0 Czechoslovakia Olympic 1 (Pechacek 73; (Szekesfehervar): Hungary U21 3 (Boda, Detari, Teodoru II), Videoton 0.

May 12 (Bistrita): Gloria Bistrita 2 (Coman 16, 76) Romania Olympic 2 (Benta 7, Mihut 31).

May 16 (Tel-Aviv): Israel 4 (Tabak 4) Liverpool 3 (McGregor 2, Dalglish).

May 18 (Chorzow): Poland 4 (Buncol 2, Kupcewicz 2) Polonia Bytom 1 (Wieczorek).

May 28 (Vallodolid): Vallodolid 2 (Oviedo 7, Juan Manuel 66) Argentina U23 0.

May 31 (Munich) Paul Breitner Testimonial: Bayern Munich 2 (Beckenbauer own goal, Grobe) Breitner's All-Stars 3 (Littbarski, Schachner, Breitner pen).

OLYMPIC GAMES
Qualifying tournament

AFRICA

Extra-preliminary round: Benin w/o v Sierra Leone — Uganda w/o v Congo — Mauritius w/o v Madagascar — Gambia bt Mauritania (6-2 on agg) — Angola bt Niger — Mozambique bt Lesotho.

First Round

Zambia w/o v Mauritius — Ethiopia w/o v Tanzania.

29.5.83	Senegal v Benin	2-0
12.6.83	Benin v. Senegal	
15.5.83	Guinea v Morocco	0-0
29.5.83	Morocco v Guinea	3-0
	Morocco 3-0 on agg	
26.6.83	Gambia v Ghana	
10.9.83	Ghana v Gambia	
9.7.83	Nigeria v Togo	
24.7.83	Togo v Nigeria	
10.7.83	Angola v Cameroon	
24.7.83	Cameroon v Angola	
17.4.83	Tunisia v Gabon	3-0
1.5.83	Gabon v Tunisia	1-1
	Tunisia 4-1 on agg	
28.5.83	Uganda v Algeria	4-1
10.6.83	Algeria v Uganda	
7.5.83	Kenya v Libya	1-0
20.5.83	Libya v Kenya	2-0
	Libya 2-1 on agg	
5.6.83	Sudan v Egypt	0-0
29.7.83	Egypt v Sudan	
29.5.83	Mozambique v Zimbabwe	0-1
12.6.83	Zimbabwe v Mozambique	

CONCACAF
Northern Zone

8.5.83	Canada v Bermuda	6-0
15.5.83	Bermuda v Canada	1-1

8.5.83	Mexico v Bahamas	6-0
29.5.83	Bahamas v Mexico	

Central Zone

11.5.83	Honduras v Costa Rica	0-1
18.5.83	Costa Rica v Honduras	3-2
	Costa Rica 4-2 on agg	
22.5.83	El Salvador v Guatemala	0-2
25.5.83	Guatemala v El Salvador	4-1
	Guetamala 6-1 on agg	

Caribbean Zone

17.2.83	Jamaica v Cuba	0-1
27.2.83	Cuba v Jamaica	4-1
16.1.83	Antigua v Barbados	0-1
20.2.83	Barbados v Antigua	2-1
27.3.83	Cuba v Barbados	2-0
10.4.83	Barbados v Cuba	0-0
29.5.83	Surinam v Cuba	
12.6.83	Cuba v Surinam	
5.8.83	Trinidad/Tobago v Neth Antilles	
28.8.83	Neth Antilles v Trinidad/Tobago	

ASIA
Group 1

12.8.83	Syria v Jordan	
26.8.83	Jordan v Syria	
8.9.83	Kuwait v Syria	
8.9.83	Qatar v Jordan	
15.9.83	Kuwait v Jordan	
15.9.83	Qatar v Syria	
29.9.83	Kuwait v Qatar	
14.10.83	Syria v Kuwait	
14.10.83	Jordan v Qatar	
21.10.83	Jordan v Kuwait	
21.10.83	Syria v Qatar	
28.10.83	Qatar v Kuwait	

Group 2

9.9.83	Iraq v United Arab Emirates	
11.9.83	Lebanon v Bahrain	
16.9.83	Iraq v Bahrain	
18.9.83	Lebanon v United Arab Emirates	
23.9.83	Iraq v Lebanon	
23.9.83	Bahrain v United Arab Emirates	
30.9.83	United Arab Emirates v Iraq	
30.9.83	Bahrain v Lebanon	
4.10.83	United Arab Emirates v Lebanon	
7.10.83	Bahrain v Iraq	
14.10.83	United Arab Emirates v Bahrain	
16.10.83	Lebanon v Iraq	

Group 3

(India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore)

Phase I — Away matches for Saudi Arabia:

1.10.83	India v Saudi Arabia	
6.10.83	Indonesia v Saudi Arabia	
10.10.83	Malaysia v Saudi Arabia	
14.10.83	Singapore v. Saudi Arabia	

Phase II — Centralised Tournaments in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, comprising of teams from India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore from 15 October to 2 November 1983.

Phase III — Home matches for Saudi Arabia:

6.11.83	Saudi Arabia v India	
11.11.83	Saudi Arabia v Malaysia	
17.11.83	Saudi Arabia v Singapore	
23.11.83	Saudi Arabia v Indonesia	

Group 4

(China PR, Hong Kong, Korea Rep, Thailand)

Tournament to be played from 1 to 12 November 1983 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Group 5

4.9.83	Japan v Philippines	
11.9.83	Philippines v Japan	
21.8.83	Chinese Taipei v Papua New Guinea	
23.8.83	Papua New Guinea v Chinese Taipei	
15.9.83	Winner Japan/Philippines v Winner Chinese Taipei/Papua N. Guinea	
20.9.83	Return above match	
25.9.83	New Zealand v Winner Japan/Philippines	
2.10.83	New Zealand v Winner Taipei/Papua New Guinea	
7.10.83	Winner Japan/Philippines v New Zealand	
12.10.83	Winner Taipei/Papua New Guinea v New Zealand	

The Winners and Runners-up of each Group will qualify for the Second Group Tournament

SOUTH AMERICA

First round: Argentina v Brazil, Chile v Colombia, Ecuador v Paraguay, Peru v Venezuela. (Two to qualify).

EUROPE

Group A (Turkey withdrew)

23.3.83	Bulgaria v Hungary	1-1
13.4.83	Hungary v Greece	3-1
18.5.83	Bulgaria v Soviet Union	2-2
26.5.83	Soviet Union v Greece	3-0
7.9.83	Greece v Hungary	
21.9.83	Greece v Hungary	
5.10.83	Greece v Soviet Union	
12.10.83	Soviet Union v Bulgaria	
28.3.84	Bulgaria v Greece	
11.4.84	Hungary v Bulgaria	
18.4.84	Hungary v Bulgaria	
25.4.84	Soviet Union v Hungary	

Group B

4.5.83	Denmark v E. Germany	1-2
4.5.83	Finland v Poland	0-4
18.5.83	Finland v E. Germany	0-1
19.5.83	Denmark v Norway	2-2
25.5.83	Poland v Finland	3-2
15.6.83	Finland v Norway	
22.6.83	Denmark v Finland	
29.6.83	Norway v Poland	
17.8.83	Norway v Denmark	
24.8.83	Finland v Denmark	
7.9.83	E. Germany v Poland	
5.10.83	E. Germany v Finland	
5.10.83	Denmark v Poland	
26.10.83	Norway v Finland	
29.10.83	Norway v E. Germany	
9.11.83	Poland v E. Germany	
12.11.83	E. Germany v Norway	
4.4.84	Poland v E. Germany	
18.4.84	E. Germany v Denmark	
22.4.84	Poland v Denmark	

Group C
Preliminaries

2.3.83	Liechtenstein v Holland	0-3
15.3.83	Holland v Liechtenstein (Holland 6-1 on agg)	3-1
30.3.83	Yugoslavia v Romania	4-1
27.4.83	Romania v Holland	3-0
8.6.83	Italy v Yugoslavia	2-2
5.10.83	Holland v Romania	
26.10.83	Romania v Italy	
9.11.83	Yugoslavia v Italy	
17.12.83	Yugoslavia v Holland	
25.1.84	Italy v Holland	
28.3.84	Italy v Romania	
4.4.84	Holland v Yugoslavia	
18.4.84	Romania v Yugoslavia	
18.4.84	Holland v Italy	

Group D
Sub-group A

24.4.83	Portugal v W. Germany	3-1
8.6.83	W. Germany v Israel	2-0
4.10.83	W. Germany v Portugal	
30.10.83	Israel v Portugal	
20.11.83	Israel v W. Germany	
11.1.84	Portugal v Israel	

Sub-group B

9.3.83	Belgium v Spain	0-0
23.3.83	Spain v France	0-1
23.4.83	France v Belgium	2-0
21.9.83	Spain v Belgium	
9.11.83	Belgium v France	
29.2.84	France v Spain	

Sub-group winners to play off home/away in March and April, 1984.

EUROPEAN QUALIFYING DETAILS

Group A — Plovdiv (May 18)
Bulgaria 2 (Iordanov 54, Vilchev 67)
Soviet Union 2 (Gazzayev 16, 82)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Bergamo (It)

Bulgaria: Vychev — Bezinski, Mladenov, Petrov, Khorozov (Laschiev 41), Iordanov, Iskrenov, Sadikov, Vilchev, Sekhtinski (Pashev 54), Spassov.

Soviet Union: Vyach. Chanov — Yanouskevsky, Belyalov, Sorokalet, Zhupikov, Vedeneyev, Gotsmanov, Zheludkov (Kuznetsov 59), Grachev (Belanov 88), Keropayan, Gazzayev.

Group A — Moscow (May 26)
Soviet Union 3 (Grachev 9, Aleynikov 29, Larionov 35)
Greece 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Orakangas (Fin)

Soviet Union: Vyach. Chanov — Yanoushevsky, Belyalov, Sorokalet, Kaplun — Larionov, Gotsmanov (Kuznetsov), Grachev (Belanov) — Aleynikov, Cherenkov, Gazzayev.

Greece: Arvanis — Priskas (Mitsibonous), Kapsis, Skardados, Tasopoulos — Alavados, Saravakos, Kanarous — Dimopoulos, Safidis, Kokolaikis (Vutiritsas).

Group B — Aarhus (May 4)
Denmark 1 (Donnerup 3)
East Germany 2 (Backs 10, Pilz 49)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 8,500. **Ref:** Syme (Scot)

Denmark: Nielsen — Christensen, Sivebaek, Rahbek, Clausen, Chrois, P. Larsen, Munk Jensen (Manniche 63), A. Hansen, Donnerup, Lundqvist.

E. Germany: Müller, Trieloff, Kreer (Winter 89), Stahmann, Schossler, Pilz, Trautmann, Backs, Richter (Gramenz 68), Minge, Buss.

Group B — Helsinki (May 4)
Finland 0
Poland 4 (Miloszewisz 16, Baran 55, Biernat 85, 87)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Swe)

Finland: Krohonen — Remes, Kymalainen, Granskog, Petaja, Rasimus, Rantanen, Annunen (Talvio 65), Ukkonen, Hjelm, Parikkaa (Lipponen 46).

Poland: Kazimierski — Kubicki, Walczak, Krol, Wdowczyk, Penkala (Biernat 46), Miloszewicz, Kensy, Chojnacki, Baran (Wijas 80), Zgutczynski.

Group B — Kokkola (May 18)
Finland 0
East Germany 1 (Kreer 12)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** U. Ericsson (Swe)

Finland: Lindholm (Korhonen 46) — Kymalainen (Rantanen 51), Lyytikka, Granskog, Petaja, Rasimus, Remes, Ukkonen, Lipponen, Parikka, Hjelm.

E. Germany: Müller — Stahmann, Kreer, Zotzsche, Pilz, Trautmann, Backs, Wunderlich, Minge, Richter (Gramenz 61).

Group B — Aarhus (May 19)
Denmark 2 (Manniche 27, Chrois 50)
Norway 2 (Soler 50, Kollshausen 80)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Schoeters (Bel)

Denmark: Högh — Sivebaek, Rahbek, L. Hansen, Clausen, Chrois, P. Larsen, Schaefer, Donnerup (Munk Nielsen 62), Manniche, Lundqvist (A. Hansen 50).

Norway: Chorsvidt — Iversen (Bodegaard 73), Harlovsen, Kojedal, Brivik, Soler, Kortgaard, Fjalberg, Kollshaugen, Berg, J. Hansen.

Group B — Bialystok (May 25)
Poland 3 (Miloszewisz 15, 65, Kensy 29)
Finland 2 (Hjelm 37, 53)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Redelfs (WG)

Poland: Kazimierski — Wijas, Walczak, Gawara, D. Wdowczyk — Chojnacki, Kensy, Miloszewicz — Biernat (J. Bak 46), Baran (Pekala 79), Zgutczynski.

Finland: Korhonen — Lyitika, Kymalainen, Granskog, Petaja — Rasimus, Remes, Ukkonen — Arikka (Annunen 15), Rantanen (Mars 75), Hjelm.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

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Group 3
March 19
Universitario (Peru) (2) 2 (Rey Muñoz, Chavarry)
Tolima (Columbia) (0) 2 (Porte, Echeverri)
Ref: German Silva (Chile). **Att:** 14,000

Universitario: Acasuzo, Gastulo, Aguilar, Chirinos, Garcia, Leguia, Chavarry, Ternero, Rey Muñoz, Ore, Rojas (Canamero).

Tolima: Mercuri, Gonzalez, Dragonetti (Pavon), Ramirez, Echeverri, Flores, Canas, Martinez, Roldan (Castaneda), Porte, Aguirre.

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March 23
Alianza Lima (Peru) (0) 0
Tolima (Colombia) (0) 1 (Belber og)
Ref: Juan Silvagno (Chile). **Att:** 11,000
Alianza: Ganoza, Duarte, Belber, Farfan, Olea, Illescas, Zevallos, Casanova (Mejia), Huapaya, Carranza, Ravello (Lovera).
Tolima: Mercuri, Gonzalez, Murillo, Dragonetti, Etcheverry, Canas, Flores, Roldan, Porter, Pavon (Martinez), Aguirre.
March 27
Alianza Lima (Peru) (0) 1 (Mejia)
America (Colombia) (0) 2 (Ortiz 2)
Ref: Carlos Martins (Brazil)
Alianza: Ganoza, Duarte, Belber, Farfan, Olea, Illescas, Zevallos (Balarezo), Lovera, Mejia, Carranza, Huapaya (Ravello).
America: Falcioni, Chaparro, Reyes, Espinoza, Valencia, Caicedo, Gonzalez, Alfaro (Casare), Davila (Moscatella), Ortiz, Teglia.
March 30
Universitario (Peru) (1) 1 (Eugenio pen)
America (Colombia) (1) 1 (Del Avila)
Universitario: Jaime, Gastulo, Chirinos, Ternero, García, Eugenio, Chavarry (L. Rojas), Zapata (Canamero), Rey Muñoz, Ore, P. Rojas.
America: Falcioni, Valencia, Espinoza, Reyes, Chaparro, Caicedo, Gonzalez, Alfaro (Sierra), Del Avila, Ortiz, Teglia (Lugo).
April 13
Tolima (Colombia) (0) 0
America (Colombia (2) 2 (Teglia, Del Avila)
Att: 16,000
Tolima: Mercury, Gonzalez, Murillo, Dragonetti (Flores), Echeverry, Canas, Roldan, Martinez, Flores, Porte, Aguirre.
America: Falcioni, Valencia, Espinoza, Reyes, Chaparro, Caicedo, Gonzalez, Sierra, De Avila, Ortiz, Teglia.
Alianza Lima (Peru) (0) 2 (Illescas, Velasquez)
Universitario (Peru) (1) 1 (Ore)
Ref: Enrique Labo (peru). **Att:** 4,000
Alianza: Ganoza, Duarte, Belber (Casanova), Farfan, Olea, Velasquez, Illescas, Lovera, Mejia, Carranza, Huapaya.
Universitario: Jaime, Gastulo, Ternero, Chirinos, Garcia, Eugenio (L. Rojas), P. Rojas (Rostaing), Chavarry, Rey Muñoz, Ore, Canamero.
April 24
America (Colombia) (2) 2 (De Avila, Caicedo)
Universitario (Peru) (0) 0
Ref: Ramon Barreto (Uruguay). **Att:** 39,000
America: Falcioni, Valencia, Espinoza, Reyes, Lugo, Gonzalez, Caicedo, Alfaro, De Avila, Ortiz, Teglia (Batalglia).
Universitario: Acazuso, Gastulo, Ternero, Chirinos, Garcia, Eugenio, Chavarry (Gardella), Leguia, Rey Muñoz, Ore, P. Rojas.
Tolima (Colombia) (0) 0
Alianza Lima (Peru) (0) 0
Att: 8,000
Tolima: Mercury, Gonzalez, Lopez, Murillo, Echeverry, Flores, Martinez, Roldan, Porte, Pavon, Castaneda.
Alianza: Ganosa (Saavedra), Duarte, Belber, Farfan, Olea, Velasquez, Illescas, Lovera, Mejia, Carranza, Ravelo.

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America (Colombia)	5	3	2	0	8	3	8
Tolima (Colombia)	5	1	3	1	5	5	5
Alianza Lima (Peru)	5	1	2	2	3	4	4
Universitario (Peru)	5	0	3	2	4	7	3

Group 4
March 27
San Cristobal (Venezuela) (0) 2 (Barreiro, De Souza)
Tachira (Venezuela) (0) 0
Att: 15,000
San Cristobal: Fasciana, Landaeta, Brito, Chessio, Arismendi, De Souza, Otero, Moreno (Campos), Barreiro, Febles, Maldonado (Zelaya).
Tachira: Romero, Contreras, Martinez, Manzo, Becerra, Chinchay, Guanco, Palacios, Nieto (Moreno), Acevedo, Fernandez.
Nacional (Ecuador) (1) 3 (Cajas, Baldeon, Diaz)
Barcelona (Ecuador) (1) 1 (Ordonez)
Ref: Artemio Sension (Uruguay). **Att:** 40,000
Nacional: Rodriguez, Narvaez, Armas, Maldonado, Ron, Vega, Mora, Baldeon, Cajas, Paz, Mino.
Barcelona: Quiroga, Perlaza, Guyon, Quinteros, Valencia, Andrade, Vasquez, Armendariz, Tenorio, Paulo Cesar, Ordonez.
April 6
San Cristobal (Venezuela) (1) 2 (Barreiro, Maldonado)
Barcelona (Ecuador) (0) 0
Ref: Humberto Aristizabal (Columbia). **Att:** 15,000
San Cristobal: Fasciana, Landaeta, Brito, Simonelli, Arismendi, Otero, De Souza, Moreno, Barreiro (Campos), Febles, Maldonado (Zelaya).
Barcelona: Quiroga, Gullón, Perlaza, Merchan, Quinteros, Armendariz (Torres), Vasquez, Andrade, Orodnez, Paulo Cesar (Riger), Tenorio.
April 10
Tachira (Venezuela) (0) 1 (Mendez)
Barcelona (Ecuador) (1) 1 (Vasquez pen)
Ref: Gilberto Aristizabal (Colombia)
Tachira: Romero, Manzo, Barbosa, Becerra, Arroyo, Chincha (Socarras), Nieto, Palacios, Mendez, Palomo, Kafuringa.
Barcelona: Quiroga, Perlaza, Quintero (Armendariz), Gullon, Merchan, Vasquez, Andrade, Ballesteros, Tenorio, Paulo Cesar, Klinger.
April 13
Tachira (Venezuela) (0) 0
Nacional (Ecuador) (0) 0
Ref: Jorge Antquera (Bolivia). **Att:** 10,000
Tachira: Romero, Contreras, Martinez, Guanco, Arroyo, Barboza, Nieto, Mendez, Kafuringa, Acevedo, Becerra (Pino).
Nacional: Rodriguez, Armas, Maldonado, Proano, Narvaez, Vega, Villafuerte, Baldeon (Granda), Cajas, Paz, Mino.
April 17
San Cristobal (Venezuela) (0) 1 (Campos)
Nacional (Ecuador) (0) 0
Ref: Luis Barranco (Bolivia)
April 24
Barcelona (Ecuador) (1) 2 (Armendariz, Paulo Cesar)
Nacional (Ecuador) (0) 0
Tachira (Venezuela) (0) 0
San Cristobal (Venezuela) (0) 0
Ref: Pascual Vergara
Tachira: Romero, Guanco, Barboza, Nieto (Del Castillo), Acevedo, Arroyo, Castrillo, Becerra (Socarras), Kafuringa, Palomo, Mendez.
San Cristobal: Fasciana, Landaeta, Brito, Chessio, Arismendi (Barboza), Otero, De Souza, Moreno, Barreiro (Campos), Febles, Zelaya.

Group 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
San Cristobal (Venezuela)	4	3	1	0	5	0	7
Barcelona (Ecuador)	4	1	1	2	4	6	3
Nacional (Ecuador)	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
Tachira (Venezuela)	4	0	3	1	1	3	3

Group 5
April 7
Nacional (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Alzamendi)
Wanderers (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Acosta)
Ref: Jose Martinez Bazan (Uruguay). **Att:** 35,000
Nacional: Rodriguez, Moreira, Ferrari, Arguirregaray, Gonzalez, Luzardo, Berrueta, Brindisi (Abalde), Alzamendi, Cabrera (Aguilera), Villazan.
Wanderers: Otero, Melian, Esnal, De los Santos, Cabrera, Barrios, Mancinelli, Francescoli, Yanez, Acosta, Rodriguez.
Nacional (Paraguay) 2
Olimpia (Paraguay) 1
April 12
Wanderers (Uruguay) (0) 3 (Acosta 2, Francescoli)
Nacional (Paraguay) (1) 1 (Benitez)
Wanderers: Otero, Esnal, De los Santos, Lasalvia, Mancinelli, Meroni, Canbrera, Barrios, Arias, Francescoli, Acosta.
Nacional: Zaracho, Farina, Garcia, Rios, Farias, Cardozo, Alamada, Mino, Torres, Valdez, Baez.
April 15
Nacional (Uruguay) (2) 4 (Cabrera 2, Luzardo 2 (1 pen))
Nacional (Paraguay) (1) 2 (Baez pen, Almada)
Ref: Teodoro Nitti (Argentina). **Att:** 35,000
Nacional (Urug): Rodriguez, Moreira, Ferrari, Aguirregaray, Cid, Luzardo, Berrueta, Brindisi, Alzamendi, Cabrera, Villazan (Aguilera).
Nacional (Par): Zaracho, Perez, Garcia, Farina, Cardoso, Farias (Gonzalez), Valdez, Carmona, Benitex (Almada), Ferreira, Baez.

April 20
Olimpia (Paraguay) 0
Nacional (Uruguay) 1

Group 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nacional (Uruguay)	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Wanderers (Uruguay)	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Nacional (Paraguay)	3	1	0	2	5	8	2
Olimpia (Paraguay)	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL

April 17
Mexico 2
Guatemala 0

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

March 31
Sagrada Familia (Costa Rica) 2
Mexico Junior Select 1
April 15
Deportivo Cali (Colombia) 3
United States Select 1

INTERNATIONALS

April 9
Haiti 0
United States 2 (Durgan, Borja)

INTERNATIONALS

April 29
Brazil (2) 3 (Careca, Eder, Renato) Chile (1) 2 (Orellana 2, 1 pen)
Brazil: Leao, Leandro, Marcio, Marinho, Junior (Pedrinho), Batista, Socrates, Zico (Renato), Tita (Paulo Isidoro), Careca, Eder (Joao Paulo).
Chile: Wirth, Espinoza (Reyes), Diaz, Pacheco (Mosquera), Valenzuela, Dubo, Neira (Juan Soto), Gamboa, Rojas, Hurtado, Orellana. (Referee: Gabriel Gonzalez, Paraguay; Att: 54,000 at Rio, Maracaną Stadium).

May 12
Chile (1) 2 (Orellano, Dubo) Argentina (0) 2 (Alonso, Gareca)
Chile: Wirth, Espinoza, R. Valenzuela, Pacheco, L. Valenzuela, Soto, Dubo, Gamboa, L. Rojas, Castec, Orellana.
Argentina: Fillol, Arregui, Ruggeri, Trossero, Olarticoechea, Giusti, Marangoni, Alonso, Calderon (Ramos), Gareca, Burruchaga (Sabella). (Referee: Daniel Cardellino, Uruguay; Att: 20,000 at National Stadium, Santiago, Chile).
OTHER INTERNATIONAL: Venezuela (amateurs) 1 Nigeria 3 (May 18).

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Group 1
May 10
Estudiantes (Argentina) (2) 2 (Trama, Aguero)
Cobreloa (Chile) 0 Gottardi
Ref: Romualdo Arpi Filho (Brazil)
Estudiantes: Bertero. Camino, Brown, Aguero, Herrera, Ponce, Russo, Sabella, Gottardi, Trobbiani (Gurrieri), Trama.
Cobreloa: Fournier, Tabilo, E. Gomez, Soto, Escobar, Alarcon, Merello, Rubio, Letelier (Olivera), Siviero, Puebla.

May 13
FC Oeste (Argentina) (0) 1 (Cuper pen)
Cobreloa (Chile) 0
Ref: Armando Coelho (Brazil)
FC Oeste: Bacigalup, Agonil, Cuper, Carrizo, Garré, Saccardi, Brandoni, Canete, Crocco (Sotelo), Marcicǫ, Gonzalez (Acosta).
Cobreloa: Fournier, Tabilo, E. Gomez, Soto, Escobar, Alarcon, Merello, Puebla. Siviero (Letelier), Rubio, Olivera.

Group 1 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colo Colo (Chile)	5	3	0	2	5	6	6
Estudiantes (Argentina)	5	2	1	2	6	5	5
FC Oeste (Argentina)	5	2	1	2	3	3	5
Cobreloa (Chile)	5	2	0	3	6	6	4

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Van Basten. He collected two fine first-round goals and organised the Dutch midfield with a style which clearly owed much to 18 months playing alongside the great Johan Cruyff.

But in the last analysis, this tournament was not so much about individuals or teams as about politics — the politics of the World Cup.

In general FIFA were reasonably pleased with what they saw on the level of administration, though there were plenty of minor snags which could suddenly become big during a 'proper' World Cup.

Mexico want to start the 1986 World Cup finals on May 7, which would mean fun and games for European nations' domestic fixture planners. They are also toying with the idea of doing away with the third-place match and having four first-round groups of six teams, rather than six of four, as in Spain.

All will be discussed later on. But it's interesting to realise that half a dozen of the World Youth Cup contestants could be back in 1986. For the real thing. I wonder, could that be an omen for Brazil?

FIRST ROUND

Group A: Mexico 1 Australia 1; Scotland 2 S. Korea 0; S. Korea 2 Mexico 1; Australia 2 Scotland 1; S. Korea 2 Australia 1; Scotland 1 Mexico 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
S. Korea	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Australia	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Mexico	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

Group B: Uruguay 3 US 2; Poland 7 Ivory Coast 2; US 1 Ivory Coast 0; Uruguay 3 Poland 1; Poland 2 US 0; Uruguay 0 Ivory Coast 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguay	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Poland	3	2	0	1	10	5	4
US	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Ivory Coast	3	0	1	2	2	8	1

Group C: Czechoslovakia 4 Austrai 0; Argentina 5 China 0; China 3 Austria 0; Argentina 2 Czechoslovakia 0; Czechoslovakia 3 China 2; Argentina 3 Austria 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	3	3	0	0	10	0	6
Czechoslovakia	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
China	3	1	0	2	5	8	2
Austria	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

Group D: Nigeria 1 Soviet Union 0; Brazil 1 Holland 1; Brazil 3 Nigeria 0; Holland 3 Soviet Union 2; Brazil 2 Soviet Union 1; Nigeria 0 Holland 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Holland	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Nigeria	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
Soviet Union	3	0	0	3	3	6	0

Quarter-finals: Poland 1 Scotland 0; S. Korea 2 Uruguay 1; Brazil 4 Czechoslovakia 1; Argentina 2 Holland 1.
Semi-finals: Argentina 1 (Zarate) Poland 0; Brazil 2 (Gilmar, Marinho) S. Korea 1 (Yong Boo).

JUNE 18
Guadalajara — Third place match
Poland 2 (Krauze 78, Szczepanski 103)
S. Korea 1 (Kee Keun 37)
HT: 0-1. 90 min: 1-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Felix Ferreira (Brz).
Poland: Wandzik — Piotrowicz, Ludwiczak, Wenclewski, Myslinski, Gorgon, Blaszczyk, Klemenz, Krauze, Dobrowolski, Lesniak.
S. Korea: Pung-Joo — Pan-Keun, Won-Keun, Byung-Ok, Jung, Kee-Heun, Jong-Boo, Sung-Hee, Heung-Kwon, Jae-Soon, Jong-Kon.

JUNE 19
Mexico City — Final (for the Coca-Cola Cup)
Brazil 1 (Silva 39 pen)
Argentina 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 110,000. **Ref:** Alain Biguet (F).
Brazil: Duarte — Bonifacio, Camarin, Bagatini, Oliveira (Coelho 70) — Silva, Bledorn, Ferreira — Vilella, Santos (Bebeto 82), Campos.
Argentina: Islas — Borelli, Olivera, Basualdo, Theiler — Vanemarak, Gaona (Graciani 75), Zarate — Garcia, Gabrich, Dezotti.

Top Player award: Geovani Silva (Brazil). **Runner-up:** Roberto Zarate (Argentina).
Top scorers: 6 goals — Silva (Brz); 5 — Klemenz (Pol); 4 — Gabrich (Arg): 3 — Zarate (Arg), Aquilera (Uru), Dostal (Cz).

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Denmark in Copenhagen. That result remains Poland's biggest-ever margin of defeat.

Gorski continued to play for Legia Warsaw for four more years, then turned to coaching. As first-team boss of Legia he was instrumental in developing the talents of Kazimierz Deyna and Robert Gadocha, players on whom he relied after being appointed national manager in 1971.

Poland beat Switzerland 4-2 in Lausanne in his first international, in May of that year, and little more than a year later he guided Poland to victory in the Munich Olympics. Virtually the same side then ousted England in the qualifiers for the 1974 World Cup finals, where Poland achieved the best-ever finish, of third place — again in Munich.

Gorski stepped down after the 1976 European championship, handing over the national team to erstwhile aide Jacek Gmoch who is now, also working successfully in Greece. Now Gorski is, of course, in the second successful spell with Olympiakos.

Working with him are two Greek assistants, and working under his instructions is this championship-winning squad:

NIKOS SARGANIS. Goalkeeper. Aged 21/18 caps. Established himself as first choice in the national team at the start of last year. Played first with Kastoria and was man of the match on his international debut in the 1-0 win over Denmark in October, 1980. At the end of that season he was transferred to Olympiakos. Was sent off in a needle match against Panathinaikos in March, 1981, but soon won back his place in both club and national team.

LEFTERIS PUPAKIS. Goalkeeper. 36/6. Played for Iraklis and then OFI of Crete before joining Olympiakos two seasons ago. Was reserve goalkeeper in the national squad for the 1980 European championship and played one game in Italy, in the 0-0 draw against West Germany. His last international appearance was as a second-half substitute against Cyprus two years ago, when he came on for Sarganis.

ARIS RUMELIOTIS. Goalkeeper. Aged 25. Has still to play for the Olympiakos first team.

GIANNIS GOUNARIS. Right back. 31/34. Joined Olympiakos a year ago after making his name with PAOK of Salonika. A member of the 1980 European championship squad and an ever-present with Greece for 18 months until breaking an arm in a league game shortly before the end of the season. He is president of the Greek players' union.

NIKOS VAMVAKOULIS. Left back. 25/8. Temperamental but talented. Cost next-to-nothing from a local amateur side as a centre forward but was converted to defence by coach Todor Veselinovic. Now rated as worth around £400,000 on the transfer market. Made his Greece debut as substitute in the 2-0 away win in March, 1981.

STAVROS PAPADOPOULOS. Stopper. 26/9 caps for Cyprus. Has been with Olympiakos for six years but may shortly return home for domestic reasons. Made his Cyprus debut in midfield in a 1-1 draw against Rumanis in May, 1979.

PETROS MIHOS. Sweeper. 24/10. Made his international debut just 18 months ago in the 2-0 defeat by the Soviet Union in Athens. Discovered by Olympiakos in the second division and now a key man in their success.

NIKOS ARGIROUDIS. Defender. Aged 30. Signed from Larisa a year ago.

NIKOS KREMIDJAS. Defender. Aged 25. One of Olympiakos' own youth squad products.

LIKOURIS ATHANASOPOULOS. Defender. Aged 24. Another youth product.

ROGER ALBERTSON. Midfield. 26/20 caps for Norway. Joined Olympiakos midway through the season from the Belgian club, Winterslag. Played previously for Feyenoord and Den Haag in Holland. Earned his place in Norwegian football history by scoring the first goal against England in the memorable 2-1 win in the 1982 World Cup qualifiers in Oslo. Albertson made his debut in the 1-0 win over Switzerland in Oslo in September, 1976. Marked his arrival in Greece by being sent off in the 1-0 derby win over Panathinaikos.

VICENTE ESTAVILIO. Midfield. 27/4 caps for Uruguay. Signed last summer from the Montevideo club, Danubio, maintaining an Olympiakos/South American link which now goes back almost ten years.

VANGELIS KOUSOULAKIS. Midfield. 28/5. Signed from Iraklis of Salonika in 1979 and made a goal-scoring international debut in Greece's 3-1 defeat by Rumania in Larisa at the start of the year. Scored the second glao in Budapest in the Greek's shock 3-2 victory over Hungary.

GEORGIOS TOYAS. Midfield. 23. Signed from Korinthos two years ago. One of the most promising players in the squad. Adept with both feet. At 6ft 2in he's very tall for a Greek player.

PETER XANTHOPOULOS. Midfield. Aged 23. Signed by Veselinovic as a right back in 1978 and converted into midfield. However he returned to his original position in emergency towards the end of the season after Gounaris broke an arm.

GEORGIOS KOKOLAIKIS. Midfield. Aged 22. Another promising player, a past captain of Greece under-21s and member of the Olympic team beaten 3-0 recently in the Soviet Union.

TAKIS PERSIAS. Midfield. 26/2. Former youth international who gained a first senior cap as a substitute in the 1-0 defeat by East Germany in Athens in February, 1982.

NIKOS ANASTOPOULOS. Centre forward. 25/23. Originally a right winger whose recent addition of consistency to his game has made him the most dangerous forward in Greece. Scorers of 24 goals in Olympiakos' first 30 games made him far and away the league's leading scorer. First made his name with Panionios and so impressed Dutch club Twente Enschede in a Cup-winners' Cup tie in 1979 that they tried to buy him, even though he was still only 20. Watched by clubs from Italy and West Germany, but Olympiakos won the race to sign him when they paid a Greek record £320,000 in December, 1980. Anastopoulos scored the Greeks' first goal in their 3-2 win over Hungary in Budapest.

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30. 3.83	E. Germany — Belgium	1-2
27. 4.83	Belgium — E. Germany	2-1
14. 5.83	Switzerland — E. Germany	0-0
12.10.83	Scotland — Belgium	
12.10.83	E. Germany — Switzerland	
9.11.83	Switzerland — Belgium	
16.11.83	E. Germany — Scotland	

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Belgium	4	4	0	0	10	4	8
Switzerland	4	1	2	1	4	5	4
Scotland	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
E. Germany	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

Group 2

8. 9.82	Finland — Poland	2-3
22. 9.82	Finland — Portugal	0-2
10.10.82	Portugal — Poland	2-1
13.10.82	USSR — Finland	2-0
17. 4.83	Poland — Finland	1-1
27. 4.83	USSR — Portugal	5-0
22. 5.83	Poland — USSR	1-1
1. 6.83	Finland — USSR	0-1
21. 9.83	Portugal — Finland	
9.10.83	USSR — Poland	
28.10.83	Poland — Portugal	
13.11.83	Portugal — USSR	

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Poland	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
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4.12.82	Italy — Romania	0-0
12. 2.83	Cyprus — Italy	1-1
27. 3.83	Cyprus — Czech	1-1
16. 4.83	Romania — Italy	1-0
16. 4.83	Czech — Cyprus	6-0
15. 5.83	Sweden — Cyprus	5-0
15. 5.83	Romania — Czech	0-1
26. 5.83	Sweden — Italy	2-0
9. 6.83	Sweden — Romania	0-1
21. 9.83	Sweden — Czech	
15.10.83	Italy — Sweden	
12.11.83	Cyprus — Romania	
16.11.83	Czech — Italy	
30.11.83	Czech — Romania	
22.12.83	Italy — Cyprus	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	6	4	1	1	7	2	9
Czechoslovakia	5	2	3	0	12	5	7
Sweden	6	3	1	2	10	5	7
Italy	5	0	3	2	3	6	3
Cyprus	6	0	2	4	3	17	2

Group 6

22. 9.82	Austria — Albania	5-0
13.10.82	Austria — N. Ireland	2-0
27.10.82	Turkey — Albania	1-0
17.11.82	N. Ireland — W. Germany	1-0
17.11.82	Austria — Turkey	4-0
15.12.82	Albania — N. Ireland	0-0
30. 3.83	N. Ireland — Turkey	2-1
30. 3.83	Albania — W. Germany	1-2
23. 4.83	Turkey — W. Germany	0-3
27. 4.83	Austria — W. Germany	0-0
27. 4.83	N. Ireland — Albania	1-0
12. 5.83	Albania — Turkey	1-1
8. 6.83	Albania — Austria	1-2
21. 9.83	N. Ireland — Austria	
5.10.83	W. Germany — Austria	
12.10.83	Turkey — N. Ireland	
26.10.83	W. Germany — Turkey	
16.11.83	W. Germany — N. Ireland	
16.11.83	Turkey — Austria	
20.11.83	W. Germany — Albania	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	5	4	1	0	13	1	9
N. Ireland	5	3	1	1	4	3	7
W. Germany	4	2	1	1	5	2	3
Turkey	5	1	1	3	3	10	3
Albania	6	0	2	4	3	11	2

Group 7

5. 6.82	Malta — Iceland	2-1
1. 9.82	Iceland — Holland	1-1
22. 9.82	Holland — Rep. Ireland	2-1
13.10.82	Rep. Ireland — Iceland	2-0
27.10.82	Spain — Iceland	1-0
17.11.82	Rep. Ireland — Spain	3-3
19.12.82	Malta — Holland	0-6
16. 2.83	Spain — Holland	1-0
30. 3.83	Malta — Rep. Ireland	0-1
27. 4.83	Spain — Rep. Ireland	2-0
15. 5.83	Malta — Spain	2-3
29. 5.83	Iceland — Spain	0-1
5. 6.83	Iceland — Malta	1-0
7. 9.83	Holland — Iceland	
21. 9.83	Iceland — Rep. Ireland	
12.10.83	Rep. Ireland — Holland	
16.11.83	Holland — Spain	
16.11.83	Rep. Ireland — Malta	
17.12.83	Holland — Malta	
21.12.83	Spain — Malta	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	6	5	1	0	11	5	11
Holland	4	2	1	1	9	3	5
Rep. Ireland	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Iceland	6	1	1	4	7	7	3
Malta	5	1	0	4	4	12	2

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP 1. — Belgium 0, Switzerland 0 — Scotland 2, E. Germany 0 — Switzerland 3, Scotland 4 — Belgium 1, Scotland 2 — Scotland 2 Switzerland 1 — E. Germany 2, Belgium 1 — Belgium 4, E. Germany 2.

May 14 (Biel): Switzerland 5 (Bernaschina 2, Sutter 6, Zahnd 63, Andermatt 67 pen, Zaugg 69), E. Germany 6 (Müller 11 pen, Backs 23, 38, 39, Jarohs 60, Halata 74).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	4	4	0	0	10	5	8
E. Germany	4	2	0	2	10	12	4
Belgium	4	1	1	2	6	6	3
Switzerland	4	0	1	3	9	12	1

GROUP 2. — Sov. Union 1, Poland 1 — Finland 0, Poland 0 — Finland 1, Portugal 1 — Portugal 1, Poland 0 — Sov. Union 2, Finland 2 — Poland 4, Finland 0 — Sov. Union 1, Portugal 1.

May 21 (Olsztyn): Poland 2 (Dolgopolow 38, Bak 66), Sov. Union 1 (Mikhailichenko 3). **May 31** (Karja): Finland 0, Sov. Union 1 (Mikhailichenko 85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	5	2	2	1	7	3	6
Sov. Union	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Portugal	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Finland	5	0	3	2	3	8	3

GROUP 3. — Denmark 1, England 4 — Greece 1 England 0 — England 2, Greece 1 — Denmark 1, Greece 1 — England 1 Hungary 0.

May 14 (Szekesfehervar): Hungry 1 (Gere 80), Greece 1 (Papadopoulos 39). **May 31** (Copenhagen): Denmark 2 (Balogh og 60, Frimann 85 pen), Hungary 1 (Csongradi 38).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	4	3	0	1	7	3	6
Greece	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Denmark	3	1	1	1	4	6	3
Hungary	3	0	1	2	2	4	0

GROUP 4. — Wales 0, Norway 0 — Norway 2, Yugoslavia 2 — Bulgaria 2, Norway 0 — Bulgaria 0 Yugoslavia 2 — Yugoslavia 2, Wales 0 — Wales 0, Bulgaria 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Bulgaria	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Norway	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Wales	3	0	1	2	0	3	1

GROUP 5. — Cyprus 1, Romania 2 — Italy 2, Rumania 0 — Czechoslovakia 2, Italy 1 — Cyprus 0, Italy 1 — Czechoslovakia 2, Cyprus 0 — Cyprus 1 Czechoslovakia 4 — Italy 2, Czechoslovakia 1.

May 15 (Bucharest): Romania 1 (Gingu 16), Czechoslovakia 4 (Klucki 6, 49, Knoflicek 27, Herda 44).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czechoslovakia	5	4	0	1	13	5	8
Italy	4	3	0	1	6	3	6
Romania	3	1	0	2	3	7	2
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	2	9	0

GROUP 6. — Austria 1, Albania 2 — Turkey 0, Albania 1 — Austria 1, Turkey 1 — Albania 1, W Germany 1 — Turkey 0, W. Germany 1 — Austria 1, W. Germany 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albania	4	3	1	0	5	2	7
West Germany	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Austria	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Turkey	4	0	1	3	1	4	1

GROUP 7. — Iceland 1, Holland 1 — Spain 1, Iceland 0 — Holland 5, Spain 0.

May 28 (Reykjavik): Iceland 0, Spain 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
Spain	3	1	1	1	1	5	3
Iceland	3	0	2	1	1	2	2

GROUP 8. — Luxembourg 0, Sweden 4 — France 1, Sweden 0 — Luxembourg 0, France 5.

May 13 (Mariestad): Sweden 4, Luxembourg 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	3	2	0	1	8	2	4
France	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

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